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## Who Is More American Than I?

There were no flags flying; no Ellis Island immigration entry point.  
 No lifted light from Lady Liberty.

The masses of African slaves were not huddled but shackled.  
 Often, the living bore the weight of the dead like rotten apples hastening the  
 spoilage of the good.  
 They were pirates' booty, the spoils of war.  
 If they made it, they had market value.

What they weren't was human. They were goods to be sold.  
 And yet, they were men, women, and children.

They were the hands that built the American dream.  
 They toiled the soil, nursed the children, tended to and prepared the food to feed  
 their captors.

They learned languages to survive. They shared tribal customs and secrets, forced  
 together. They fought to remember; often separated from family, who they were.  
 They were given new, strange sounding names, forced to wear strange fitting  
 clothing, and trained to appease these people like horses domesticated for work  
 and pleasure.

And yet, by candlelight or moonlight, they adapted. They learned the value of  
 reading and ciphering. Prohibited from teaching, they taught. Prohibited from  
 learning, they learned. And each generation brought them closer to emancipation.

Ah, freedom.  
 Perhaps, the first true American dream.  
 And, like most dreams, it was scant with details.

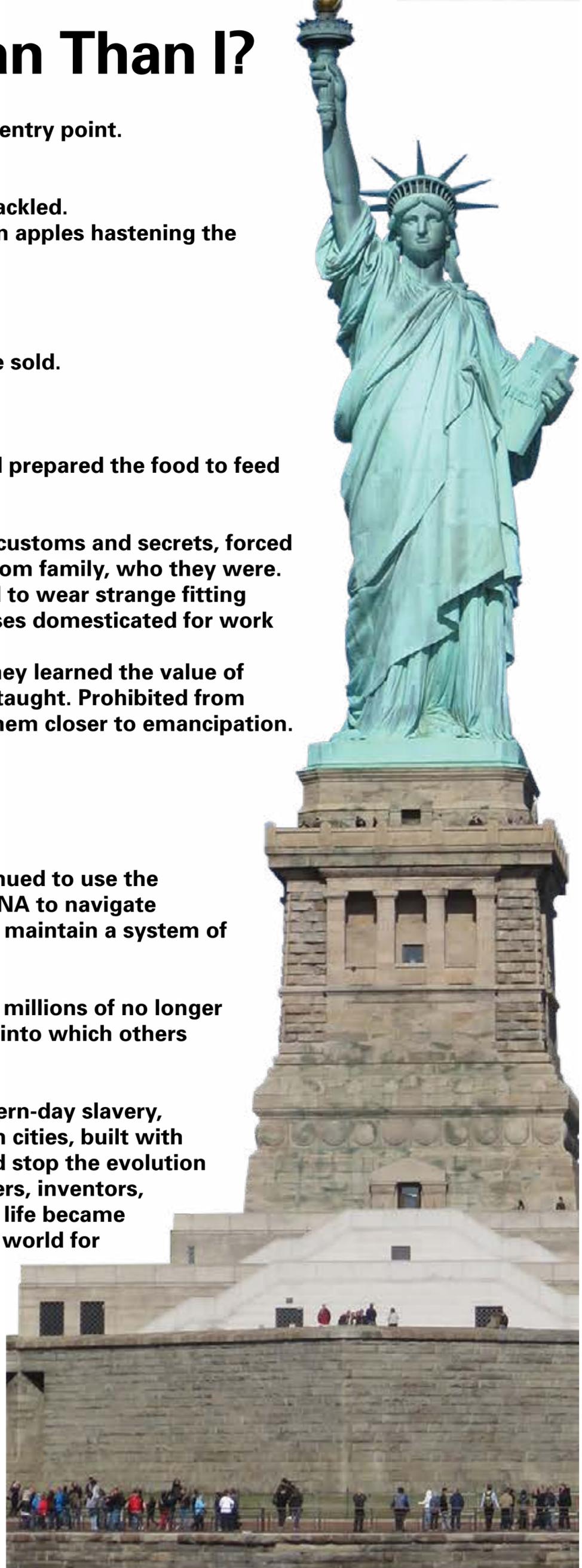
But the descendants of those first African slaves continued to use the  
 resilience and determination that was a part of their DNA to navigate  
 through an ever-changing obstacle course designed to maintain a system of  
 oppression.

As immigrants flooded America's entry ports, the now millions of no longer  
 enslaved African descendants continued to be the soil into which others  
 planted their gardens of wealth.

In small Deep South towns with the pervasion of modern-day slavery,  
 share-cropping, and in growing industrialized Northern cities, built with  
 wealth from slave trading and free labor, nothing could stop the evolution  
 of freed Blacks. Schools opened to train doctors, lawyers, inventors,  
 and public servants. Education was the key to a better life became  
 a mantra as black families envisioned a kinder, gentler world for  
 their children. The ultimate goals were safety and  
 choices. And the fuel to get there was education.

Today, education continues to grease the wheel  
 of our economic future. Today, we celebrate the  
 contributions and academic attainment of the  
 descendants of African slaves as we continue to  
 navigate an ever-changing world where we still ask:  
 Who is more American than I?

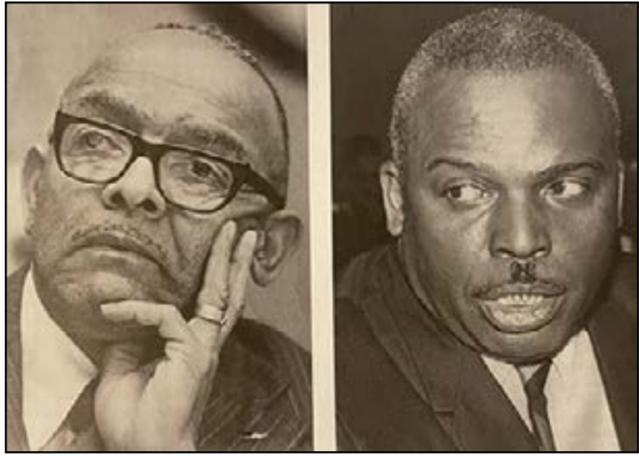
*-Judykay Jefferson*



**"Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
 Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"**  
 These words are written on the base of the statue of liberty. Unfortunately these words did not apply to enslaved Black people.

# Honoring North Carolinians This Black History Month

## Alexander



FREDERICK D. AND KELLY M. ALEXANDER

Kelly Alexander forged a vital path throughout the city of Charlotte and North Carolina and molded the footsteps of his sons and others with a legacy of leadership with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). During this same period, his brother Fred, who was five years older, served on the Charlotte City Council from 1965 to 1974, when he became the first black member elected to the North Carolina Senate since Reconstruction.

Born in Charlotte on February 21, 1910, Frederick Douglas Alexander grew up in a segregated society. After graduating from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania in 1931, he returned to Charlotte to work in his father's funeral home. In 1962, he became the first African American member of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and a year later became a member of the Mecklenburg County Board of Public Welfare. He also was a charter member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council on Human Relations. Although he retained his interest in the family funeral home business throughout his life, Fred also was an agent and a member of the board of directors of the Southern Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company and manager of the Double Oaks Apartments in Charlotte.

Kelly Miller Alexander was born in Charlotte on August 18, 1915, the youngest of five children born to Zechariah and Louise B. McCullough Alexander. At a young age it was apparent that Kelly would become a prolific speaker. He would wrap up in a bathrobe and position himself in front of a mirror or on the front porch, where he would practice delivering speeches. "He could give a speech on anything," said his wife Margaret. "He would just stand up and start talking and you'd find yourself listening."

His speaking talent enabled Alexander to revive the dormant Charlotte branch of the NAACP in 1940. From that time on, he made civil rights his major community interest. Elected president of the North Carolina NAACP State Conference in 1948, he held that office until he retired in October 1984. He not only led the revival of the organization to one of the largest state memberships in the nation, but guided it through the difficult years of the end of legal segregation in the 1950s and 1960s. He was named to the board of directors of the national NAACP in 1950, became a life member in 1954, and was elected vice chairman in 1976 and chairman of the national board in 1984.

He served on many national boards and committees and contributed to NAACP policies and procedures on the national, regional, state, and local levels. In 1984 Governor Jim Hunt proclaimed the week of August 18 Kelly Miller Alexander Sr. Week in North Carolina.

## Clayton



EVA CLAYTON

U.S. Representative Eva McPherson Clayton was the only African American woman sent to Congress from North Carolina during the twentieth century.

She had been elected on a substantial record of helping the poor and disadvantaged, not only in her district in the eastern part of the state, but nationally.

According to a lengthy article in the News and Observer on October 13, 1998, her chances of winning reelection to Congress looked bleak. Clayton of Littleton was seeking her fourth term from the First Congressional District in the state's coastal plain, one of only two districts in the state with a majority of African Americans. The news article said "a successful legal attack on race-based congressional districts" had resulted in a loss of 165,000 core constituents for Clayton.

The article also noted that only Clayton, among Democrats in North Carolina's congressional delegation, was "facing an established officeholder with credible prospects." That candidate was a veteran Democratic state legislator who was diametrically opposed to nearly all the positions the unabashedly liberal Clayton had taken on issues ranging from abortion to minimum wage.

But when the votes were counted in 1998, Clayton had crushed her Democratic opponent by 67 to 33 percent and her Republican opponent in the general election by 66 percent to 33 percent.

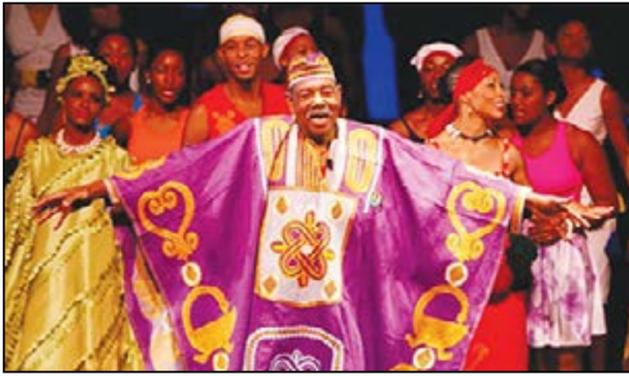
## Franklin

For three-year-old John Hope Franklin, "child's play" meant sitting quietly and drawing pictures where his mother could watch him in the back of her elementary classroom. No one suspected until two years later, when his mother found that he was writing words, composing sentences, and reading the newspaper, that he also had been paying attention to the academic lessons that were meant for her school-age pupils. "From that point on," he later explained, "I would endeavor to write, and through the written word,



JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

teaching and his father's custom of reading and writing every evening, and his superior intellectual ability became recognizable traits throughout his career as a historian, educator, and prolific author.



## Baba "Chuck" Davis

Dancer, historian, choreographer, and self-proclaimed "Goodwill Ambassador to the World," Chuck Davis met a daunting schedule. In the midst of his touring with the renowned African American Dance Ensemble (AADE), he filled speaking and teaching engagements, while serving on and chairing a variety of arts and dance panels. And, as the founder of Cultural Arts Safari, an educational organization, he led groups in annual pilgrimages to Africa for study and research.

However, despite all of the notoriety and prestige his skill as a dancer and choreographer brought him, he considered his reputation as a community builder his highest honor. With his characteristic West African chants of agoo and amee, Davis called thousands of people together and used dance to bind them to him in his love for and celebration of the human community. "When you're dancing, you don't have time to hate," he proclaimed. Six feet six inches tall, and weighing 280 pounds, Davis had a distinctive face with high cheekbones, intense brown eyes, and an enormous and dazzling smile.

The African proverb that it takes a whole village to rear a child was more than mere folk wisdom for Charles Rudolph Davis. Born in Raleigh on January 1, 1937, he was reared not only by his parents, Tony and Ethel Watkins Davis, but by his teachers, minister, and neighbors. Growing up in a poor, black, segregated neighborhood, Davis was very aware of the brutal inequities in society. But he was equally aware of the gifts that flowed naturally from being a part of a close-knit and vital community—a community in which the welfare of children played a central role.

"Growing up in a poor neighborhood steeped in 'old world' values was a blessing," Davis said in 2000. "I was fortunate to come up in a time when kids listened to their elders, when they had to learn in school, and when the doors of the church were never closed. Even the criminals respected the churches?"

## Frye

It was a humid August morning in 1956. Inside the tiny town hall of Ellerbe, population 750, the voter registrar, an older white man, peered at the twenty-four-year-old black man who had come to register to vote. He told the man that he first would have to pass a "literacy" test. In reality, it was a lengthy trivia quiz on American history. Virtually no one could pass it.

Name five signers of the Declaration of Independence. Name the twelfth president (Zachary Taylor). And so on. The test's underlying purpose was to keep blacks from voting. All blacks who wanted to vote had to take the test. All whites - including those who were illiterate - were exempt.

The black man in the registrar's office that day - Henry E. Frye - told the registrar that he didn't know the answers and didn't need to know them. The registrar replied that he therefore failed the test and could not register. The registrar had no idea that the man he had just failed would one day become chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

"I was shocked, surprised and



HENRY E. FRYE

disheartened," Frye recalled forty-four years later during an interview in the court's chambers in Raleigh. At the time of the incident, Frye was a college graduate and had recently completed two years of service as an air force officer that included sixteen months overseas. He had been accepted into law school and was about to begin his studies in a few weeks. None of that impressed the registrar. As an African American seeking to register to vote in North Carolina in 1956, Frye was simply an unwelcome rarity.

## NC Mutual Ins.



JOHN MERRICK, AARON MOORE AND C.C. SPAULDING

Once the largest black business in the world, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company of Durham remained at the beginning of the twenty-first century the largest and oldest African American insurance company in the United States.

With assets nearing \$10 billion, and over a billion dollars of insurance in force, the company ranked among the top 10 percent of all insurance companies in America.

Historically, North Carolina Mutual served as a symbol of race pride and progress, of self-sufficiency and self-help, and of racial solidarity for African Americans. Its story was central to the history of race in North Carolina. The Mutual and the range of businesses and institutions that grew as a result of its success engendered Durham's reputation as the "Capital of the Black Middle Class," and Parish Street, where two of its offices were located, earned a designation as a "Black Wall Street of America."

John Merrick, Aaron M. Moore, and Charles C. Spaulding emerged as the central historical figures associated with the company, known as the "Greatest Negro Life Insurance Company in the World." They were a triangle that "kindly fate brought together and cast into one frame," they complemented each other's talents and personalities, leaving a collective mark on the Mutual and the South.

## Shepard

It began with a man's dream and about twenty-five acres of what many considered to be worthless land cut by deep ravines and ugly gullies and overgrown by tall reedlike grass in Hayti, the center of African American life in Durham. The man was James E. Shepard.

As early as 1908 he envisioned creating a religious training school for members of his race, a school where African American ministers could come for six-week periods, or longer, and receive instruction and inspiration. The cost had to be nominal because of the financial plight of the student body. It took many years before Shepard's dream was fully realized, but the final result was North Carolina Central University, the first state-supported liberal arts college for blacks in the nation.

James Edward Shepard was born in Raleigh on November 3, 1875, the oldest of twelve children born to Augustus and Hattie



JAMES E. SHEPARD

Whitted Shepard. He received his early education in public schools and then attended Shaw University in Raleigh, graduating in 1894 with a degree in pharmacy.

## Jacobs

On February 11, 1813, freedom seeker, writer and abolitionist Harriet Jacobs was born in Edenton.

Jacobs spent her childhood unaware of her station in life but, when her white mistress, Margaret Horniblow, died in 1825, she and her brother John were willed to Horniblow's 3-year-old niece, Mary Norcom, and were placed under the control of Norcom's father, Dr. James Norcom.

After suffering years of physical abuse and sexual harassment at the hands of Norcom, Jacobs fled in 1835 and went into hiding in the attic of her paternal grandmother, Molly Horniblow, a free black woman living in Edenton a block away from Norcom. According to Jacobs' memoir, Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl, published in 1861, she lived in that restricted space for almost seven years until she managed to escape north via Edenton's mari-



time Underground Railroad.

Jacobs gained her full and legal freedom 10 years later. While living the life of a freedom seeker, Jacobs became an anti-slavery activist and an abolitionist author. By the time of the Civil War, as a free African American woman, Jacobs served as a relief worker dedicated to assisting the newly freed people of the South.

## McKissick

The life and career of Floyd Bixler McKissick exemplified the complex and at times seemingly contrary goals of the twentieth-century civil rights movement. He was an integrationist pioneer who helped break the color line at the University of North Carolina, but held a deep and enduring faith in black power. A lifelong Democrat, he endorsed the Republican Party in 1972, just as Richard Nixon launched a "southern strategy" designed to contest George Wallace's appeal to conservative whites. McKissick, how ever, viewed his political beliefs as remarkably consistent. "What I'm doing right now is the same thing I [have been] doing since I was twelve years old," he told an interviewer in the 1970s.

McKissick was the grandson of preachers - his paternal grandfather was a Baptist; his maternal grandfather a Methodist - and was born March 3, 1900, in Asheville and raised in the A.M.E. Zion faith. His parents, who had both graduated from Livingstone College in Salisbury, had four children: Floyd, and three girls. Floyd's mother, Marjorie Esther Thompson, worked as a seamstress; his father, Ernest Boyce



FLOYD BIXLER MCKISSICK

McKissick, had two jobs, as an insurance agent for the Durham-based North Carolina Mutual, the world's largest black-owned insurance company, and as the head bellman at the Langren and Vanderbilt resort hotels in Asheville. Throughout his life, Floyd McKissick drew on both worlds: his memories of traveling with his father as he sought clients for the Mutual helped instill a faith in black capitalism, while waiting outside the white-only Langren Hotel taught an early lesson of inequality in a white-dominated society.

## Lane

Lunsford Lane was an enslaved then free black businessman, and lecturer. He was the only child of Edward and Clarissa Lane, who were enslaved people who were from Raleigh. His parents had assumed the surname of Lane from the white family that had originally owned them. At the time Lane was born, the family was owned by Sherwood Haywood.

Lane was an enslaved person who worked in the home of his enslaver. As was the case with many enslaved people, he was troubled by the fact that he was enslaved and he yearned to be free. His sale of a basket of peaches given him by his father was the beginning of Lane's business ventures. Trying to accumulate enough money to buy his freedom, he saved what he earned—mostly tips from guests of the Haywood family. Lane cut wood at night and during his spare time. With the help of his father, he made and sold pipes and special smoking tobacco, often to members of the state legislature. Lane bought supplies for the Haywood household and he learned to buy in quantity when prices were low in order to save money. He began to buy goods for himself when he



could buy at a bargain, store these items, and sell when prices rose. Lane was always careful not to appear prosperous and successful, as his possessions and stored wealth could have been seized by his enslaver at any time.

In May 1828, Lane married Martha Curtis, who belonged to the Boylan family. She was soon bought and enslaved by Benjamin B. Smith, a Raleigh merchant. When Sherwood Haywood died in 1829, his wife, Eleanor (Hawkins) Haywood, hired out the people she enslaved in order to pay debts. This was fortunate for Lane, as he bought his own time from her. He expanded his tobacco business under the name "Edward and Lunsford Lane" and had agents in Fayetteville, Salisbury, and Chapel Hill.

# Business & Finance

## From Lab to Market: Bio-Based Products Are Gaining Momentum

By Jim Robbins

Yale

In the 1930s, the DuPont company created the world's first nylon, a synthetic polymer made from petroleum. The product first appeared in bristles for toothbrushes, but eventually it would be used for a broad range of products, from stockings to blouses, carpets, food packaging, and even dental floss.

Nylon is still widely used, but, like other plastics, it has environmental downsides: it is made from a nonrenewable resource; its production generates nitrous oxide, a potent greenhouse gas; it doesn't biodegrade; and it sheds microfibers that end up in food, water, plants, animals, and even the clouds.

Now, however, a San Diego-based company called Genomatica is offering an alternative: a so-called plant-based nylon made through biosynthesis, in which a genetically engineered microorganism ferments plant sugars to create a chemical intermediate that can be turned into nylon-6 polymer chips, and then textiles. The company has partnered with Lululemon, Unilever, and others to manufacture this and other bio-based products that safely decompose.

"We are at the start of a sustainable materials transition that will reinvent the products we use every day and where they come from," says Christophe Schilling, Genomatica's CEO.

Using living organisms to create safe materials that break down completely in the environment — where they can act as nutrients



or feedstock for new growth — is just one example of a burgeoning global movement working toward a so-called bioeconomy. Its goal isn't limited to replacing plastics but takes aim at all conventional synthetic products — including chemicals, concrete, and steel — that are toxic to make or use, difficult to recycle, and have outside carbon footprints. In their place will come products made from plants, trees, or fungi — materials that, at their end of life, can be safely returned to the Earth or recycled again and again. The bioeconomy is still small, in the global scheme of things, but the push to turn successful research into manufactured products is growing, propelled by several factors.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is also a major player in this field. The agency recently announced it would allocate \$41 million to develop new markets for products made from wood, and

it has long managed the BioPreferred Program, which requires federal agencies and contractors to preferentially purchase products, including cleaners, carpets, lubricants, and paints, with minimum bio-based content. Among the products federal agencies are now using is a transformer coolant made from soybean oil that is 99 percent biodegradable in 21 days and Seventh Generation laundry detergent, which is made from 97 percent bio-based ingredients.

Concerns about looming restrictions have led to a big push to scale up new, safer materials. "There are more and more and more responsible options," says Zambrelli. "Many of these alternatives have been around for a while, but we are starting to see real investments."

As more regulations come into play, companies are going to have to take the disclosure of their products' environmental infor-

mation in official reporting more seriously, Zambrelli added. "When you've got the CFOs [chief financial officers] and general counsels involved in the reporting, suddenly there's a legitimizing factor in what they are doing."

In addition to regulatory pressure, said Rob Handfield, who studies bio-based supply chains at North Carolina State University, there is growing pressure from shareholders. "More and more companies now have investors that are requesting science-based targets," he said. "And there is big customer pressure as well. They are asking companies not only to make a commitment, but to put their money where their mouth is."

It helps, too, that bio-based products are increasingly profitable. One estimate places the U.S. value of the bioeconomy at \$1 trillion and the global value at \$4 trillion. A 2020 World Business Council for Sustainable Development report projects that the economic opportunity for bio-based products could grow to more than \$7 trillion by 2030.

Rapidly evolving technology is enabling new approaches and products. Plain old low-tech wood — from trees — is getting an enormous amount of attention as a replacement for steel and concrete in construction. (Steel manufacturing contributes about 8 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions, and concrete manufacturing contributes another roughly 8 percent.)

A product called MettleWood, developed at the Center for Materials Innovation at the University of Maryland, is derived from soft wood from commercial plantations

that has had its lignin removed. In a proprietary process, the lignin-free wood is then densified under high pressure, creating wood that its maker claims is 80 percent lighter than steel, 20 percent stronger, and roughly half the cost. InventWood, the company that makes MettleWood, just received a \$20 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to scale up production.

The University of Maine's Ad-

vanced Structures and Composites Center recently showed off a 3D-printed house made from a mix of forest byproducts from the state's numerous sawmills: sawdust, wood flour (a very fine sawdust), and a bio-resin whose ingredients have not yet been disclosed. The entire envelope of the house — walls, floor, and roof — is printed from wood fibers and bio-resins and insulated with 100 percent wood insulation.

### FUNdraising Good Times

By Mel & Pearl Shaw  
Saad & Shaw

#### YOU GOT THE GRANT! NOW WHAT?

Should you start spending money as soon as your nonprofit receives a grant? We recommend taking time to make management decisions related to the grant. Here are some things you should be concerned about when your nonprofit receives a grant. Review these and prioritize which you believe your nonprofit should discuss and take action on. Let's start with three questions: Does the grant cover the full cost of what you would like to do? Do you have additional funds secured (if necessary) so that you can fully implement your project/program? How can you use the grant funds to accomplish your goal if you don't get all the funding you need? Below are three other areas for consideration.

**General considerations.** Does the use of funds defined in the grant award letter match what you intend to use the funds for? Do you need more money than the grant award in order to fully fund the project? Can you use the amount from the grant if you don't yet have the full amount you need? What is the time period covered by the grant? What needs to be done by when and by who to ensure the program funded will launch and be successful? What information do you need to share with staff, board members, and volunteers as it relates to how the grant funds are to be used, and the outcomes you are seeking?

**Transparency and accountability.** Will you share information about the grant with staff and volunteers? What will you share or not share? Will you share information with those you serve and the larger community? How will you share the information? How will you hold the organization accountable for using funds for the purposes designated in the grant? Who is the person responsible for approving the use of funds? How will this person determine when funds should be expended? How will you record your expenditures? What about other roles and responsibilities as it relates to the grant? Are you partnering with other organizations? If yes, what is their role? How will your board be engaged? What is their role?

**The unexpected.** Things don't always go as planned. What will you do if you can't recruit the staff you need, or if staff resign? What if grant funds are not enough to cover the costs of the program? Where do you go for help if you have questions about the use of grant funds? Who can you talk with if your project is not proceeding as you had expected? What will you do when the grant period comes to an end? What if you have more success than? If the grant is for one year, what will you do after that? How are you planning now to continue the program/advocacy/work after the initial grant expires? Finally, what are your vulnerabilities? Getting a grant is just one step in the process of fundraising. How and when you use the funds is equally important. Learn more in part one.

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## Smithfield's Evans Is Making Connections

Ownership is more than a word, it is a mindset. When you own something there is a pride and a confidence that comes with knowing that you have something of value. You move, think and feel differently when it belongs to you. That is why ownership has always equated success.

Steve Evans witnessed this dynamic first hand in his grandfathers. Evans grew up working on the farms of both of his grandfathers, but his experiences were totally different. The biggest difference wasn't the crop or the size of the farm, it was that one grandfather owned his land and the other grandfather was a tenant farmer.

Looking back on his childhood, Evans recalls, "I could really sense the connection that my grandfather had to the land, despite the fact that he didn't own it. He tilled and worked the land for someone else, as so many of our families have done."

During that flashback, you could almost see the fatigue of a hard days work in Evans' posture.

"My mother, her father and her grandfather were tenant farmers in Nash County. We were very heavily involved in the tobacco planting and soybeans, and all of those types of things. I mainly worked only on the weekends, but working the land [as a tenant farmer] shaped the perspective that my aunts



and uncles had. The demands of being a tenant farmer meant that you had to be producing a certain amount for there to be anything left for the family. The work was harder and more focused. So, when they got of age, the first thing they did was head north to places where agriculture wasn't the center of enterprise."

The desire that his aunts and uncles had to escape the farm was very vivid in Evans' mind. He witnessed the disconnection to the land first hand and watched an entire generation of farmers walk away.

On the other side of the coin

was his father and grandfather who owned their land. Evans remembered how they took a greater pride in every aspect of how they tended to the land. Because of that ownership aspect, his aunts and uncles on his father's side all stayed close to the land. They all stayed in the areas where the family was. They built businesses and were invested in the community. Ownership gave them pride and the power to go out and grow the community around them. They stayed connected to their land.

The staunch difference here is owner versus laborer. It's not

that the work is much different, but it feels different. It's like having a bite of someone else's cake versus having an entire slice. You are still eating cake, but you get so much more when it is your own.

As we talk about the development of agriculture today, and where Black communities fit into that, we must address the disparity in ownership. The boomerang generation wants to come back to the land, but the land may no longer be in the family and the cost of acquiring land in North Carolina is skyrocketing. How do we come back to the farm if there is no farm to come back to?

Evans thought long and hard about how he could best utilize his family's heritage and his professional experience to solve this issue. He chose to be a part of the solution instead of perpetuating the problem. He decided that his role was to be a gateway back to the land. He could have chosen to be a farmer and only provide for his family, but he didn't. He chose to join the Smithfield Foods team and make opportunities for everyone.

Evans has worked tirelessly to grow outreach programs for new and existing minority farmers through Smithfield Foods. When asked why he chose this path, he stated simply and emphatically, "We have to come back to this place. We have to come back to the land."

# Classifieds

### D/M/WBE

#### SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T. A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the FY 2023 Manhole Rehabilitation project for the Town of Smithfield Public Utilities which bids February 23, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, hauling, erosion control, seeding, liner-work, bypass pumping, and manhole rehab. Please contact Jeff Price (jprice@taloving.com) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time of the bid date. TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Please advise if assistance is needed with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or insurance/bonding to satisfy the work requirements. We are willing to accept quotations for all or partial quantities and items of work. We can offer 2-party check payments and quick payment agreements, but the agreements need to be negotiated prior to the bid date.

### D/M/WBE

#### SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T. A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the Mason Farm WWTP Secondary Clarifier No. 4 Improvements project for Orange County Water and Sewer Authority which bids March 9, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to demolition, electrical, flatwork, CIPC, concrete forms, concrete rebar, and painting. Please contact Michael Cox (mcox@taloving.com) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time of the bid date. TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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# How Fresh Tax Credits, Rebates Can Launch Your Eco Home Update

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AP

If you've been holding off on home improvements, a new law signed last year and now in effect as of Jan. 1, 2023, may provide a fresh incentive.

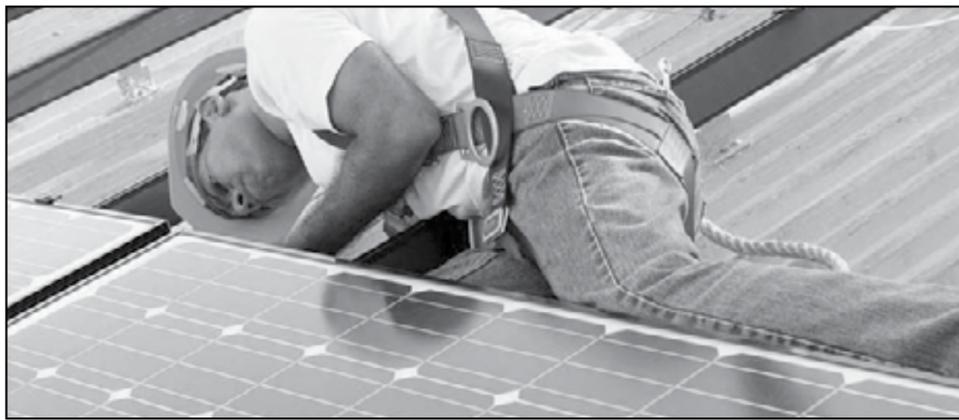
The Inflation Reduction Act, or IRA, includes tax credits and rebates for homeowners who make energy-saving updates to their homes. Credits for improvements like new solar panels, windows, doors and air conditioners are available now, while rebates for larger energy-efficient updates are expected to become available later this year or next year.

Here's what to know about these perks, plus tips to plan your projects.

## TAX CREDITS FOR SMALLER UPDATES

The IRA includes tax credits for around-the-house eco-friendly updates. Eligible purchases include energy-efficient windows, doors, insulation, central air conditioners and home energy audits. An IRS fact sheet outlines eligible home improvements.

Tax credits reduce your tax liability for the year, says Los Angeles-based certified public accountant Michael DiBernardo. For example, a \$500 credit lowers



your taxes owed by \$500.

The IRA allows homeowners a 30% tax credit for some energy-efficient updates, capped at \$1,200 per year. There's also a \$2,000 credit for heat pumps, heat pump water heaters and biomass stoves.

Make the most of it: Combining projects — like new insulation and a heat pump — can get you up to \$3,200, says Kara Saul Rinaldi, president and CEO of the energy and environmental strategy firm AnnDyl Policy Group and an advocate of policies that helped shape the IRA.

Keep receipts for each eligible update and add them to your tax forms, Saul Rinaldi says.

## INCREASED CREDITS FOR SOLAR PANELS

The IRA also increased the credit for solar installations. Homeowners can get a tax credit for 30% of the cost to buy and install solar panels — up from the previous 26%. And there's no dollar limit. If you pay \$15,000 to put solar panels on your house, you can claim a \$4,500 tax credit.

Any unused credit carries to future years, so if you don't owe

taxes this year, you can use it later.

Make the most of it: The tax credit will reduce the cost of going solar, but if your goal is to lower your utility bill, first determine when you'll see savings. This often depends on how much you currently pay, says Duane Knickerbocker, owner of Brower Mechanical, a Sacramento-based company that helps homeowners optimize energy use.

The average payback period for solar panels is six to nine years, according to the Center for

Sustainable Energy, a policy and research firm.

## REBATES TO GENERATE BIG SAVINGS — EVENTUALLY

The "difference makers" in the IRA are two new rebates, Knickerbocker says. One program offers up to \$8,000 for lowering the home's energy use and the other provides up to \$14,000 for electrification updates like appliances and breaker box upgrades. Unlike the credits, the rebates are designed to be offered at the point of sale.

Low- to moderate-income households — defined in the IRA as those with total annual incomes of less than 80% of their surrounding area's median — are eligible for larger rebates than those with higher incomes.

Even if you don't usually owe taxes and can't use the IRA credits, the rebates mean you can still get a discount on energy-efficient updates, Saul Rinaldi says.

Make the most of it: It'll be months, at least, before homeowners can get the rebates.

In the meantime, consider a home energy audit to determine which projects to start once the rebates are available. Then work the savings into home improvement plans for this year and next, Saul Rinaldi says.

## FINANCING ENERGY-EFFICIENT HOME UPDATES

The cost of some home improvements could diminish the IRA tax incentives. Here are ways to supplement financing for your project.

Other assistance. The North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center manages a database of state and local incentives that includes resources like solar installation rebates and low-interest loan programs.

0% interest credit card. A 0% annual percentage rate, or APR, credit card may be just as good as cash if you pay it off during the no-interest period, says Travis Gatzemeier, a certified financial planner based outside of Fort Worth, Texas. Good or excellent credit is usually required to qualify.

Home equity. If you have equity, consider a home equity loan or line of credit to finance larger updates, like new solar panels. Rates are often lower than personal loans and credit cards, but your home is collateral for the loan.

Personal loans. Unsecured personal loans are a fast way to cover home updates and repairs: Some lenders provide funds the same or next day after approval.

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# Health & Fitness

## We Have To Talk About Suicide & Mental Health: Part Two

By Dr. Joy Martinez

Staff Writer

I remember my father saying, "I have to provide for my family, I ain't got time to be depressed."

When my cousin told her mother he was feeling depressed, the response he got was, "go depress yourself on those dishes and clean my kitchen."

Too many times, we ignore the signs - or pretend to - because it's too much to bear in the midst of so much pain and struggle. As such, there is a popular belief in the United States that very few Blacks commit suicide. "We don't do that; we're too in love with life."

But my sister-friend Cheslie Kryst isn't here.

Ian King Jr. the son of Academy award-winning actress Regina King had just turned 26, just three days before taking his life. DJ and dancer Stephen 'tWitch' Boss entertained millions on the Ellen DeGeneres Show and died by suicide at 40 years old. Kevin Ward, 44, mayor of Hyattsville, Maryland died from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The list is too long and too painful to recount.



There's a stigma in the Black community that if you have a mental disorder, it's a sign of a character flaw or weakness instead of what it truly is: a diagnosis that can be treated and managed. This stigma has had a myriad of consequences for Black communities, including preventing many Black people from seeking the help they need, causing them to repress their symptoms instead. Recognizing the need for support may lead to feelings of shame, doubt, and self-loathing. If it's not ad-

ressed, a person may think the only way to heal the pain is by self-harming or suicide.

The majority of American men who die by suicide don't have any known or recorded history of mental health problems, according to research out of UCLA. "What's striking about our study is the conspicuous absence of standard psychiatric markers of suicidality among a large number of males of all ages who die by suicide," said Kaplan, a professor of social welfare at the UCLA Luskin

School of Public Affairs.

Between 2014 and 2019, rates of suicide among Black people in the United States increased by 30 percent, according to data published in JAMA. CDC reporting showed that although the overall rate of suicide in the United States decreased by 3 percent in 2020, the rate of suicide actually increased among many men of color, including Black men, during this time.

Males make up 49 percent of the population but nearly 80 percent of suicides.

Between 2011 and 2020, the suicide rate among Black men was 3 times that of Black women, according to the Suicide Prevention Resource Center.

But it isn't just the lack of seeking support. Structural factors reinforce racism and discrimination and elevate exposure to traumatic events. These experiences exacerbate risk for mental health concerns and suicide among Black men who are also more likely to experience punitive treatment in the educational and justice systems.

Census Bureau data shows Black people are more than 7 times more likely to live in neighborhoods with high rates of poverty and little to no access to mental health care compared with white people, despite having the same risk of mental illness.

Furthermore, Black people are more likely to see emergency or primary care health

practitioners for mental health-related concerns, even though these professionals are not as equipped to treat mental and behavioral health issues as mental health professionals. Only 2 percent of psychiatrists and 4 percent of psychologists in the United States are Black, according to the American Psychiatric Association and American Psychological Association. This means, when Black men do seek support, there is a lack of representation among mental health professionals, making culturally competent mental health care, or healthcare that meets a patient's cultural, social, and language-related needs almost impossible to find.

But Black people are resilient - is the refrain. We keep winning despite these issues.

We have faith.

We are strong.

But consider this:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health found that suicide was the second leading cause of death among Black people ages 15 to 24 in 2019. And according to a 2019 Congressional Black Caucus Emergency Task Force report on Black Youth Suicide and Mental Health, suicide is also the second leading cause of death for Black youths ages 10 to 19.

Rates of suicide among Black youth have risen faster than in any other racial/ethnic group in the past two decades, with sui-

cide rates in Black males 10-19 years-old increasing by 60 percent.

Early adolescent Black youth are twice as likely to die by suicide as compared to their white counterparts. Understanding and changing this trajectory will require transdisciplinary efforts including those of educators, child welfare, legal and juvenile justice systems, health care professionals including child and adolescent psychiatrists, and the community at large.

Health care systems, educators, mental health professionals, families, the village must collaborate within the systems of care involved in the lives of Black youth to promote early recognition of suicide risk factors, which is crucial to increase awareness of the impact of structural racism, gender bias, discriminatory practices, and unconscious bias.

Suicide is a major public health problem. We must continue to push for improved identification, access to care, and retention in mental health and substance use treatment for Black people, with a focus on the impact of social determinants of health, discrimination, structural racism, stigma, gender and sexual minority status, interpersonal and family conflict, and intergenerational trauma.

Researchers still haven't nailed down how to better predict who's at risk for attempting suicide, and whether or when vulnerable people will do it, said Justin Baker, clinical director of The Suicide and Trauma Reduction Initiative for Veterans at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Nearly 46,000 people in the United States died by suicide in 2020, which is about one death every 11 minutes, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

If you or someone you know is struggling with suicidal thoughts or mental health matters, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988 (or 800-273-8255) to connect with a trained counselor.

## The History Of Double Dutch

Double Dutch is a rope skipping exercise played when two ropes are turned in eggbeater fashion. While the ropes are turned, a third person jumps within.

A history of the game written by David A. Walker, the founder of the sport, traces the probable origins to ancient Phoenician, Egyptian and Chinese ropemakers. They plied their craft at ropewalks - spaces 900 feet or more in length - usually near seaports. With a bunch of hemp around their waists and two strands attached to the wheel, the ropemakers walked backwards, twisting the rope into uniformity. As the runners traveled the cluttered floors supplying the spinners with hemp, they had to jump the twisting rope. To make their deliveries, they needed quick feet, lithe bodies and good eye perception.

It is possible that at these ancient rope-works the basic framework of Double Dutch evolved. In all likelihood, the rope spinners, runners and their families patched together a leisure time activity from their work. The strand-over-strand turning movement of the spinners, the footwork of the runners



DAVID A WALKER

evolved into the game. Thereafter, it was passed from generation to generation.

The Dutch settlers brought the game to the Hudson River trading town of New Amsterdam (now New York City). When the English arrived and saw the children playing their game, they called it Double Dutch. The game has since grown over the years, particularly in urban areas. It became a favorite pastime to sing rhymes while turning and jumping. During World War II, the game was often played on the sidewalks of New York. By the late 1950s the radio music boom

dominated urban America and the lack of recreational areas in close proximity to apartment buildings had made the game nearly extinct.

In 1973, David A. Walker, then a New York City Police Community Affairs Detective, joined by his partner Detective Ulysses Williams, developed the street game of Double Dutch into the World Class Sport that it is today. With the assistance of the physical education instructors at IS 10, Walker and Williams revitalized the game by developing it into a competitive team sport. On February 14, 1974, the first Double Dutch tournament was held with nearly 600 fifth, sixth, seventh and eight grade students participating.

Since that initial tournament, competitive Double Dutch has expanded with citywide and national championships. Nearly 100,000 girls and boys representing schools and community centers throughout the United States and world compete for team positions at the national and international events.

The American Double Dutch League, the sport's first governing body was formed by David A. Walker, in 1974. He resigned from the ADDL in 1992 after serving 18 years as the organization's president. Mr. Walker went on to form the International Double Dutch Federation (the international governing body of the sport,) the National Double Dutch League, and the world famous DDDD-Dynamic Diplomats of Double Dutch team.

For the past twelve years, Walker's invention of the popular "Fusion" free-style approach for the sport of Double Dutch is the format adopted and used at the internationally supported Double Dutch Holiday Classic® and other world-class tournaments throughout the world.



## World Health Officials Gather For An Urgent Meeting Over Outbreak

By Stacy M. Brown

NNPA

The World Health Organization held an "urgent meeting" on February 14 to discuss the new Marburg outbreak in Equatorial Guinea and possible vaccine and treatment candidates.

The organization said it would send teams to the affected areas and send experts in epidemiology, case management, infection prevention, lab work, and risk communication to help with the national response.

Matshidiso Moeti, the WHO's regional director for Africa, said, "Marburg is very contagious."

Due to the Equatorial Guinean government's prompt and decisive action in confirming the disease, "emergency response can get to full steam quickly" to save lives and end the virus as soon as possible, Moeti stated.

This week, WHO officials confirmed that the Marburg virus was first found in the west African country, where it has already killed at least nine people.

Previously, in 2017, health officials confirmed a few cases of Marburg in Ghana.

Despite being what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention calls "a very rare disease

in people," Marburg has the potential to spread, and when it occurs, it can be fatal, officials warned.

Hemorrhagic fever caused by the Marburg virus is highly contagious, the CDC said.

The RNA virus that causes it belongs to the same family as the Ebola virus, Filoviridae.

Both diseases are incredibly uncommon but can cause widespread epidemics with devastating effects.

In previous outbreaks of Marburg, the fatality rate ranged from 24% to 88%, depending on the virus strain and the quality of case management.

People who worked in mines and caves with colonies of Rousettus bats were likely the first to be infected with Marburg because of their prolonged exposure to the virus.

Unlike COVID, officials noted that the disease isn't spread through the air.

Instead, it rapidly spreads from person to person through contact with infected blood, saliva, or urine, as well as contaminated surfaces and objects.

Family members and health-care providers remain at risk even after a patient has been buried, as the disease can live on

for some time in the body.

In 1967, the disease was found after researchers in Marburg, Germany, Frankfurt, Germany, and Belgrade, Serbia, got sick.

According to the WHO, symptoms like high fever, severe headache, chills, and malaise can appear "abruptly."

Among the most frequently experienced signs and symptoms are aches and pains in the muscles.

Some of the others are jaundice, nausea, abdominal pain, and diarrhea.

On day five, the CDC says a non-itchy rash may appear on the chest, back, or stomach.

CDC officials warns that many of the symptoms of Marburg "can be difficult" to diagnose in a clinical setting because they are shared with other infectious diseases like malaria, typhoid fever, and Ebola.

Death usually happens 8-9 days after the disease starts.

Initially, the victim experiences lots of blood loss, bleeding, and problems with multiple organs.

According to the WHO, those affected have a "ghost-like" appearance due to their lack of facial expression and extreme listlessness.



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# Ag-Grow-Culture

## When It's Time To Cultivate: The Indigenous Origins Of Farming

By Jason Lindsay

Staff Writer

To begin a conversation about cultivation, we must understand that the beginning of cultivation (farming) is very much the beginning of civilization as we know it.

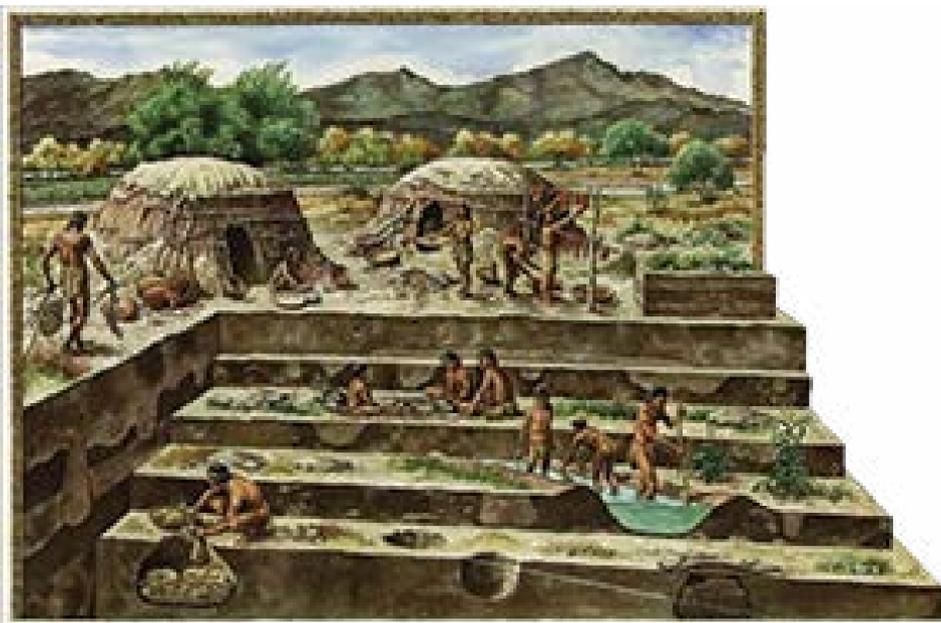
Before our ancestors moved to cultivate the land, we were nomadic people with hunter-gatherer societies. We moved across the grounds with the animals, following the herbs and foraging plants.

This lifestyle made us conscious of the cycles on the planet: when herbs would move west or north, when the birds would fly south, when the first berries would begin to flower, or when the floods would come. It was circumstances like these that motivated our constant migration.

Somewhere along the line, the people internalized the symbiosis between people and the planet, out of which domestication (the taming of animals and cultivation of plants) was born via artificial selection (the choosing of particular plant species/ animal breeds over others). We began to master the symbolic relationship between us, plants, and animals. Yet, archeologists believe it to have been a gradual transition.

Many think that the beginning of farming started with botany (the study of plants), particularly medicinal plants. We began to understand that this plant could stop the bleeding or that this plant made us feel better with more energy. These selective seeds were collected and eventually cultivated.

In African-centered teachings, it is believed that this evolution was ushered by the women in the society, alongside the calendar and mathematics. In many communities, the women's tradition was to forage, gathering nuts, herbs, and berries. The men would venture out on the hunt, hints the saying, "bringing home the bacon." Women would create the calendar by tracking their menstrual cycle, the same with



mathematics. Women (the gatherers) would collect the seeds of the plants they were harvesting and begin to replant them. So, in many indigenous cultures, women are the "Mothers of Agriculture."

A big question across many studies is when? When was the transition from hunting and foraging to farm-based societies? The numbers are all over the place. Popular belief is that agriculture, or at least the beginning of collecting grains and seeds, started 105,000 years ago. Still, the actual cultivation of crops isn't perceived to have begun until about 10,000 – 12,000 years ago with the Neolithic Period. And there's evidence that indeed shows 10 – 12,000 years ago, civilizations were farming.

Archeologists in both Asia and Africa have found evidence of farm-based civilization. For example, the Chinese planted millet, wheat, beans, and barley and cultivated fruit trees like jujube, pear, plum, peach, and apricot. The domestication of

these crops has been traced back almost 9,000 years. This cultivation came with ancient agriculture techniques like silk farming, which the Chinese mastered and used for trade with nations across the globe. They even created tools to make the work easier. One notable advancement was the "wheelbarrow," which was traced as far back as 100 B.C.

The African evidence of agricultural-based societies lies in Egypt, which the ancestors called Kemet (KMT), meaning "land of the blacks" or "black land." With the dates being highly arguable, some frame it as 12,000 years ago, while others believe it is much older. The Kemites gave the world one of its first examples of governed conservation (caring for and protecting natural resources), deeming certain areas only fit for crop cultivation, including timber.

Kemet placed much attention on nature. The word "nature" comes out of Kemet, which they called the "Neter" or "Neteru" (NTR), meaning: "the force." The

Kemites left evidence gifting the world concepts still used in English.

The force that fed Kemet's agricultural innovations was the river Nile. The longest river on the planet, the Nile is one of the

few rivers flowing south to north. The Nile also floods. Not sporadic flooding, but in ancient times the Nile flooded every summer.

The ancestors recorded these floods for generations and knew where the Nile created swamps and where best to construct canals, ditches, and water beds that would stay long after the flood subsided. From understanding the river and natural intentional manipulation, Kemet shows examples of some of the oldest forms of irrigation (Bed Irrigation).

Bed Irrigation was a sharing system integrated across areas reasoned as agricultural, all interconnected. The flooding river would then push the water into a series of canals with mud barriers filling the beds, amongst other designs, usually in strings of eight. These canals and mud barriers were then planted with polycultures (the simultaneous cultivation of different crops) using trees like lemon to flatten the basin's floor, prevent erosion, and bring nutrients to the soil.

With these systems established, the farmers would have two growing seasons out of the year. They grew bean crops like lentils and caster, along with chickpeas, peas, onions, and garlic. In addition, farmers planted

other fruit trees like figs, pomegranate, and olives. There are even plants and species planted within Kemet polycultures that were native to Asia, other parts of Africa, and the Americas.

With origins in the Americas, one crop made it to the temple walls. Corn was referenced as the "food of the Gods," even to the indigenous Americans. And in Kemet (Egypt), corn is seen growing on the grave of the Kemet God, Ausar, whom the Greeks called Osiris. Corn was also found in ancient Mesopotamia and Babylon. Archeologists even argue corn was the first domesticated crop.

The origins of cultivation in the Americas bring much controversy considering the new uncovering showing the Amazon as the president of ancient manufactured landscaping accomplishments. The difference between the Americas' domesticated corn and other eastern domesticated crops like lentils or peas is that corn is not an original plant, yet was manipulated by the farmers from a plant called "teosinte," a grass. This technology, ushered from the farmers' mind, grew the Americas population and shared it with the world.

To be continued...

## "Open Source" Seeds Loosen Big Ag's Grip On Farmers Globally

By Michaela Haas

Author of Bouncing Forward

When Jack Kloppenburg looks out over his sprawling vegetable garden in rural Wisconsin, he sees half a dozen arm-thick green-striped squash called Candy-stick Dessert Delicata, and a gaggle of bright yellow Goldini squash among the lush green. "These are so delicious!" he exclaims with all the enthusiasm only a lifelong gardener can muster. But what's special about the vegetables is not just their taste: They have all been grown from open source seeds developed by Oregon farmer Carol Deppe, a Harvard-trained geneticist and board chair of the Open Source Seed Initiative (OSSI).

Most people have heard of open source software, maybe also of open source beer (Free beer for all!) or open source pharmaceutical research. The principle is the same: Someone developed the seeds — for cowpeas, corn, rye and more — and now offers the resource for everybody to share.

Just like software development has been co-opted by a few global companies like Microsoft and Apple, the international seed development and trade, too, is controlled by a few big giants like Bayer (Monsanto), Corteva (DuPont) and ChemChina (Syngenta). A 2012 Oxfam study found that four companies dominate more than 60 percent of the global trade with grains.

When we buy cereal or bread, few pay attention to the fact that most grains are protected or even patented. Most farmers don't own the seeds they sow on their fields. "They are renting them," Kloppenburg, professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and co-founder of OSSI says with disgust. The problem with that? "A few global companies have the monopolies on global seed trade, and they breed cash crops like corn and soy, purely for money. They don't care about biodiversity, world hunger or about the small farmer." What sounds like a business problem impacts everybody, Kloppenburg insists. "These few gene giants on top of the food chain decide what ends up on our plates."

In 2012, Kloppenburg and half a dozen like-minded agriculture experts founded OSSI as an alternative to the monopolies. OSSI's aim is the "free flow and exchange of genetic resources, of plant breeding and variety development," Kloppenburg says. With global warming, disease and changing climatic patterns, "we need novel plant varieties that are capable of responding to the changes. Farm to table is popular, but we really need to talk about seed to table."

The movement faces an uphill battle, particularly in the US where most farmers plant seeds that are patented by the big corporations. Still, about 50 seed breeders have already signed on with OSSI in the US to offer nearly 500 seed varieties. And other open source seed organizations are making their own way in Europe, Argentina, India and



more.

From pledge to plant

In many ways, OSSI's principles were the principles of farming for centuries. Farmers and seed breeders worked together to produce seeds that flourished under local conditions. The farmers saved a percentage of the seeds and sowed them again the next spring. However, this is not a lucrative model for profit-oriented multinational companies, since the seed breeders only earn a profit during the first sale and not again every year.

Of course, salad is no software, and the work of plant breeders has to be protected. Otherwise they might fare like plant breeder Jim Baggett in Oregon, who in 1966 started breeding broccoli with an extra-long stem so it could be harvested more easily. He shared his novel broccoli with researchers and other breeders — until Monsanto-offspring Seminis patented a broccoli with exactly that trait in 2011. Baggett could trace more than a third of the plant material to his work. Similarly, University of Wisconsin professor Irwin Goldman developed a particularly red carrot only to learn in 2013 that Seminis had applied for a patent for a particularly red carrot. Or take Frank Morton, an independent breeder in Oregon, who developed a deeply red salad, only to realize that a Dutch seed company then got the patent for the red salad.

"We believe that ecological plant breeding has to go beyond developing increasingly profitable cash crops," plant breeder Kathrin Neubeck, head of an ecological farm in Germany, says about her reasons for participating in the open source seed movement. A global version, GOSSI, now exists in a dozen countries, including Argentina, Thailand, Germany, Italy and India. "We also have to advocate for the ecological breeding of rare varieties and protecting genetic resources."

Kloppenburg is especially concerned about the global south. "With the saturation of most commercial seed markets in the USA, Canada, the European Union and Australia, the big players are looking to the global south for new customers. Their target is the tens of millions of peasants and small farmers who still save, replant, share, exchange and even sell seed." Kloppenburg is currently working with farmers in Kenya to help empower them by registering their seeds under OSSI principles.

Seed breeders who commit to the OSSI pledge allow buyers to use what they have developed however they like. The pledge reads: "In return, you pledge not to restrict others' use of these seeds or their derivatives by patents or other means, and to include this Pledge with any transfer of these seeds or their derivatives."

Examples of OSSI varieties include dwarf tomatoes, bred for people with little space by small farmers in North Carolina and Australia who worked together and exchanged information across continents. A new rye, called Baldachin, has been developed with the help of crowdfunding in Germany specifically for the sandy soil in East Germany and is for the first time available in bakeries this fall. Also potatoes, corn, wheat and nearly everything else you need to cook dinner.

Nurturing an idea Legally, Open Source Seeds (OSS) in Europe works slightly differently because of EU seed protection laws. While in the US the OSSI pledge would be hard to enforce if challenged in court, Johannes Kotschi, the founder of OSS Germany, went with an open source licensing model. The license is printed on every OSS seed package in Europe. Whoever opens an OSS package agrees to never patent these seeds or future breeding of them.

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# Community

## Mixed Emotions Over The Proposal To Rezone Shaw Univ.

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

Shaw University President Paullette Dillard, alumni, residents, local elected officials, clergy, and students attended the Raleigh Planning Commission meeting Tuesday morning to voice their opinions on rezoning parts of Shaw's campus and other sections of Southeast Raleigh. Inside a packed City Council Chambers room, tensions were high as some alumni were in favor and some opposed. To further elaborate, approximately 26.5 acres are requested by Shaw University to be rezoned. Specifying that several historic buildings will either remain in place with redevelopment of the site or be relocated with subsequent archaeological surveys required.

Ira Mabel, technology analyst with the City of Raleigh Municipal Government presented first. He provided a summary of conditions required for retention or relocation of historic plots. He went on

to share the demographics and land use around Shaw. Mabel emphasized the site's census tract showing a high percentage of persons of color & low-income households. He pointed out that housing costs are increasing faster than the city average in that area.

Shaw University was founded immediately after the Civil War and was a major contributor to economic development, education, and culture for Black people during segregation. For the city to imply that the demographics and usage make it expendable is unconscionable. There is clearly value in the area or else the city would not have interest in it.

The Carolinian had the opportunity to speak with North Carolina Rep. Yvonne Lewis Holley (D) of District 38. She said, "I understand both sides because change is hard for everyone. In order for Shaw to advance, there's an opportunity to reinvent ourselves. The resources we didn't have before and that's property. So the only place for us to go is up. So Shaw

needs to utilize this property to get sustainable money that comes to the university that can help them continue to educate their students and fix up the facility that we have."

Once the preliminaries were addressed, the planning commission opened the floor for those in favor of the rezoning in which President Dillard shared sentiments first. She presented a thorough strategic plan that the university adamantly follows which includes, enhancing institution-wide infrastructure to support the University's mission and business ambitions, optimizing academic and operational processes to increase institution-wide efficiency and effectiveness, improve student retention, time to graduation and career readiness, developing new local, national, and global strategic partnerships that increase faculty effectiveness and engagement: diversity & student success, and lastly creating diversified revenue streams in order to drive the business process and support the Uni-

versity's mission.

Dr. Dillard said, "By implementing this rezoning request, we intend to achieve the future and sustainability of the institution. Our legacy has been pointed out, is attached to being a number of firsts in the United States. In terms of education, what we are envisioning as the pathway to begin to innovate the campus to meet the needs of our student population to create a well-deserved North Carolina university. We hope that you will recognize that we have been great stewards of our legacy, our history, and we would like to hope that we will get a favorable recommendation on this rezoning request."

Following President Dillard, Joyce Robinson, a Raleigh wake alumni chapter member and graduate of the Class of 1975 gave a heartfelt statement on the importance of the university and what it means to not only her but the 181 members of the alumni chapter. She emphasized that the rezoning request provides flexibility to transform a diverse community of learners and global leaders. "I say that this would be very good for the university and allow students to continue their education."

On the side of opposition, the first person who gave a candid presentation was Keshia Monk. A member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and a Shaw University alumna, class of 1995, she began by presenting 1200 signatures from alumni and neighboring colleges and universities such as NC State, Duke, and UNC who strongly oppose the redistricting. "The proposed rezoning request would not be consistent with a 2030 comprehensive plan for the city of Raleigh mainly due to issues related to density. Secondly, the proposed rezoning request would not be consistent with the future land-use map"

"The most uncomfortable issue that I have to bring forth today, which is the most concerning to me, especially as a graduate of

this historic university, is simply that our leadership has been involved with decades of well documented corruption. One of the primary responsibilities of any nonprofit board member is to maintain the financial integrity of

the organization that they serve. However, the board of trustees of Shaw university has violated their own bylaws over and over and over again. Therefore, I am opposed to the rezoning of Shaw University's campus." said Monk.

## Dr. Spearman Died Of A "Self-Inflicted" Wound

By Cash Michaels

Contributing Writer

According to the "summary and interpretation" from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the cause of death of Rev. Dr. Theodore Anthony Spearman, former president of the North Carolina NAACP, "is attributed to a self-inflicted gunshot wound of the head resulting in significant internal injury involving the skull and brain matter.

The summary continued, "a bullet associated with the firearm discharge involved was recovered from the body at the time of the autopsy."

But the summary has another startling revelation. "Postmortem examination additionally revealed apparent self-inflicted small superficial cuts along the inside of both wrists- which did not substantially contribute to the demise."

The report earlier states under "No contributory non-firearm injury identified - incised wounds of wrists, apparently self-inflicted using an X-ACTO knife."

"No contributory natural disease is identified; and toxicological analysis of the blood showed no evidence of alcohol consumption."

The final line of the summary makes clear how Dr. Spearman died. "In view of the overall death investigation and postmortem examination findings, the manner of death is classified as Suicide."

Indeed the official "certification cause of death" is listed as "gunshot wound to the head."

The listed "Direction of fire" for the "projectile track" of the bullet that killed Rev. Dr. Spearman "is from the decedent's right to left and slightly front to back."

As reported by the Black Press in July of last year, the lifeless body of Rev. Dr. Spearman was found in the basement of his Greensboro home, spread out on a couch amid a large pool of blood, by then Greensboro NAACP President Bradley Hunt. According to the Medical Examiner Report, the autopsy was conducted on July 27, 2022. The ME of record was Nabila Haikai MD, who signed off on the report on February 14, 2022.



## NC SHOF's Newest Player On The Board

DURHAM- The Durham Sports Commission (DSC) is proud to announce Deputy Director, Kaila'Shea Menendez has been named to the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame's Board of Directors. Menendez was unanimously elected during the board's quarterly meeting at Elon University on February 6 to fill a three-year term through May of 2026.

"The rich sports history of North Carolina is something we are proud to celebrate at the Durham Sports Commission," said Menendez. "It's an honor to join this organization and help fulfill the mission of sharing that history to inspire the next generation of North Carolina sports greats."

Founded in 1962, the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame has a mission to use sports as a way to connect, enrich and inspire communities across the state. Its goal is to utilize the stories and achievements of local athletic



talents to inspire others to find the courage to speak up, encourage others, and aspire to lofty goals. In 1992, the Hall was given a permanent place in the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh and later this year it will induct the 59th class of honorees.

"We're excited to have Kaila'Shea join us in telling the story of North Carolina's illustrious sports history," said Executive Director Trip Durham. "Throughout her career, Kaila'Shea has shown a commit-

ment to using sports for the betterment of her community and we look forward to aligning in that mission together."

Menendez will bring a unique perspective to the North Caro-

lina Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors. She is a Raleigh native and a part of North Carolina sports history as a former student-athlete at Wakefield High School and Western Carolina University. Now, as Deputy Director of the Durham Sports Commission, she is tasked with spearheading the work of the DSC's Advisory and Sports Tourism Committees while building dynamic, productive relationships with key stakeholders. She has readily stepped in and owned her position as the point of contact for various national governing bodies in sports as well as other external rights holders and local event owners.



Dr. David H. Jackson, Jr., NCCU Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, inducted the Class of 1972 into the Society of Golden Eagles. Raleigh/Wake Chapter members inducted were L-R: Revonnie Haynes, Linda Long Bailey, and Ravonnie Haynes Kitt.

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# Sports

## Howard, Delaware State Square Off In N.C.



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## The Lacrosse G.O.A.T.

Considered by many to be the greatest to ever play the game of lacrosse, Jim Brown began his lacrosse career at Manhasset High School in New York where his midfield play earned him All-Star honors for three years. At Syracuse University, Brown's all-around athletic ability became evident, as he lettered in four sports and was voted the school's Athlete of the Year in 1956-57.

Brown was a second team All-American selection in 1956, and earned first team honors in 1957, finishing second in the nation in scoring his senior year. Many believe his last game was his greatest moment as a lacrosse player, as Brown scored five goals in one half of play against the nation's top players in the 1957 North/South All-Star game.

Brown went on to achieve great success with the Cleveland Browns of the National Football League, and was elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1971. Although he is best remembered for his gridiron exploits, Brown is quoted as having said, "I'd rather play lacrosse six days a week and football on the seventh."

CHAPEL HILL— The Delaware State women's lacrosse team began the 2023 season with a 16-4 win over Howard University at Dorrance Field hosted by University of North Carolina.

With four multi-goal scorers in the win, the Hornets were led by sophomore midfielder London Downing who notched a game-best four goals. Rosella Nardi recorded a hattrick while Gwenna Gentle and Mica Lambert chipped in with a pair of goals each.

Zahra Smith scored the first goal of her collegiate career by way of an unassisted goal in the first period.

Defensively, Delaware State was led by newcomer Nailah Green who caused a team-high three turnovers while netmiders Yeda Couto-Erickson and Molysha Brown split time in net and combined for eight total saves to preserve the win.

The win over the Bison extends the Hornets' streak in the series to seven straight victories.



**BATTLE ROYALE**—St. Augustine's Chris Hill (5) competes with Johnson C. Smith's Brian Sparks (14) for control of the ball in the first half of their game in Raleigh on February 8th. St. Augustine's held on for the 56-49 victory.



**CATCH ME IF YOU CAN**—St. Augustine's Kaleb Glasper (23) goes for the easy layup against Johnson C. Smith in the first half of their game in Raleigh on February 8th. St. Augustine's held on for the 56-49 victory. *Steve Worthy Photos*



**LADY FLACONS COULDN'T OUTFRAN THE BULLS**—St. Augustine's Christionna Faison (10) drives to the basket against Johnson C. Smith's Jill Harris (5) in the first half of their game in Raleigh on February 8th. Johnson C. Smith cruised to a 59-40 victory.

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# The Kirk-Holden War of 1870

From the archives of UNC



In a June 1870 proclamation, North Carolina's Republican governor, William Woods Holden (1818-1892), condemned the actions of the Ku Klux Klan, accusing them of murdering North Carolinians and using terror tactics to suppress the vote of both newly enfranchised African Americans and white Republicans.

This proclamation was just one incident in an escalating series of conflicts between Holden and North Carolinians who were either members of, or sympathetic to, the Klan during the spring and summer of 1870. This series of conflicts, in which Union officer George W. Kirk was to play a crucial role, came to be known as "The Kirk-Holden War" and is thought to have played a large part in the Republican Party's later electoral defeat in the state, as well as Holden's December 1870 impeachment and March 1871 conviction.

Formed in the wake of the Confederacy's loss in the Civil War, the Klan spread quickly across the South. Holden's attempts to use local authorities to control the Klan in the Piedmont counties of Alamance and Caswell was ineffective because community leaders there were often either members of the Klan themselves, or sympathetic to it. In response, Holden declared martial law in both counties. To impose and maintain order, Holden brought in George W. Kirk, a former Union cavalry officer with a reputation for having terrorized Southern mountain communities during the Civil War.

Led by Kirk, the state militia arrested and jailed over 100 suspected Klan members in the two counties. Both Kirk and Holden

ignored writs of habeas corpus issued by a state court on behalf of the arrested men, so their supporters turned to the federal judiciary for help. President Ulysses S. Grant informed Holden that he would no longer support Holden's controversial policies, and the suspected Klan members were released in August 1870. In November 1870, Alamance and Caswell counties were declared to no longer be in insurrection.

In his Memoirs of W.W. Holden (written 1889-1890, published posthumously in 1911), Holden does not use the phrase 'Kirk-Holden War' to describe his struggles with the Klan in Alamance and Caswell counties. Still, discussion of those incidents dominates the fourth chapter of his Memoirs.

Holden writes that, as governor, he understood that his duty was to uphold the law of North Carolina "without respect to party or color" (p. 120). And because the Klan's terror tactics

were being used to keep newly emancipated African Americans from exercising their legal right to vote, Holden was obliged to try to stop those tactics. Holden also defends his choice of Kirk as state militia leader.

"It was stated," he writes, "that [Kirk] had said that if he were attacked at his place in the Court House at Yanceyville, that he would resist and burn the town and murder the women and children" (p. 124). But "[t]here is no foundation whatever for this story," Holden writes, "and there is less foundation ... for the further statement that the Governor had so told him to do" (p. 124).

Holden goes on refute charges that he ordered Kirk and his men to treat the residents of Alamance and Caswell counties cruelly: "I gave the strictest orders to the officers both verbally and in writing to treat all persons humanely, and to be very careful of human life" (p. 125).

Holden repeatedly charac-

terizes his actions regarding Alamance and Caswell counties as motivated by a respect and desire for law: "the object of all this is to restore peace and good order. Every citizen, no matter of what color, or how poor or humble, has a right to labor for a living without being molested; to express his political opinions without let or hindrance; and to be absolutely at peace in his own house" (p. 131).

An "Address To The Colored People of North Carolina" shows that Holden was not without his supporters. Dated December 1870 and signed by seventeen presumably African American state representatives, the announcement defends Holden as a leader who wants African Americans to "have the right to go to the polls unmolested" (p. 1). It also bemoans the impeachment proceedings he faces, saying that such proceedings are the work of men who are "mad because their slave property is lost ... mad because the Reconstruction measures have triumphed, and we are permitted to represent you in this body."

While the 1872 "Read and Circulate!" dates from after Holden's impeachment, it is a piece of Republican campaign literature that similarly defends Holden. It attacks state Democrats for having "spent sixty-five thousand dollars to impeach Gov. Holden for trying to put down the Ku-Klux" and accuses them of continuing to make political "capital out of the doings of Holden and Kirk" (pp. 5, 7).

As both fliers make clear, whether one saw Holden (and by extension, Kirk) as a hero or a villain, the events of the Kirk-Holden War inspired passionate feelings on both sides of issue.

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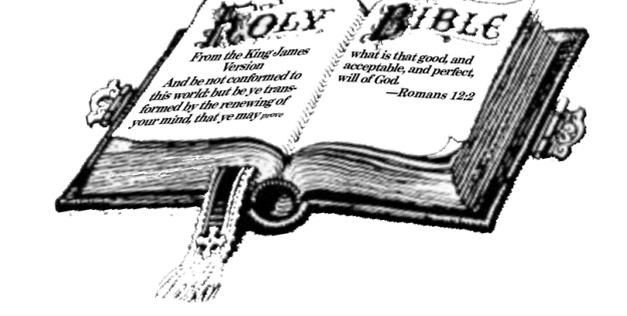
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## Church

### SERMON of the WEEK



#### DOES YOUR PLAN MATCH YOUR PURPOSE: IMAGE VS. IDENTITY

The following is an edited version of The Honorable Judge Vince Rozier's presentation on Sunday, February 12. To hear the complete message visit YouTube @lincolnparkholinesschurch1913. I'm not here today with law books, but with the book of love and freedom. My scriptural reference comes from the Contemporary English Version of Romans 12:2. "Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change how you think. Then you will know how to do everything good and pleasing to him." However, from the JVR (Judge Vince Rozier) Version - "Quit trippin' and listen to what God is telling you to do." I am only asking for just one thing from you. It's the same thing that we ask in court from any witness before anyone comes up and testifies. We ask and hope they tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. But I'm not asking for you to tell it. I want you to keep it to yourself. I'm just asking that you give an honest evaluation of yourself. I want to address something that I see in the lives of many people who have come before me, and that is the issue of dysfunction. It is said that to be an expert in a field; you need to spend 10,000 hours dedicated to that subject. Through my nearly 17 years as a judge (I was sworn in 17 years ago this month) and as an attorney before that, I would say that I qualify as an expert twice in the area of dysfunction. This dysfunction is when Image and Identity don't match. If something doesn't function properly, then there is dysfunction. For example, if your car is not working properly, you need a mechanic to make it functional. If your relationship is not working properly, it is dysfunctional. There is dysfunction when your plans don't match your purpose, and your Image doesn't match

your Identity. Image is what someone says, but Identity is what they will do. Image is what someone pretends to be for the world: how they dress, their shoes, their hair, or what you see on the surface. Identity is who they really are and what you find underneath. In most courts, there are legal battles, custody and divorce battles over children and money, but Image and Identity are often at the core. There are battles when someone is fighting to prove that he is not guilty of a charge, and Image versus Identity is what it is really about, but Image versus Identity may be at the root of these problems. Image is who you pretend to be on Sunday and claim that your purpose is to serve God. Identity is what you do Monday through Saturday. Identity is when someone keeps it real. The second way that I see Identity vs Image is on DEFENSE. This is when your pain becomes your personality. When a person takes many blows in life, after a while, all they know how to do is put their arms up and always be defensive. When you've been lied to and feel like you aren't worth the truth because of the liar. When you've been hurt and broken and feel like you don't deserve to be healed because of the heartbreaker. When what you were told was love turned out to be abuse. Now, you feel like there's no reason for anyone to love you. Whenever you've been told that you're ugly, been mistreated, or abandoned, the pain becomes who you are. It becomes your Identity. Eventually, you find yourself on defense all the time. Someone may ask how you are doing, and you fess back, "Why are you talking to me." Someone may say you look nice, and the response is, "Why are you looking at me?" This has the possibility of becoming a generational curse. The children of the next generation end up responding the same way because of how they learned

to act. It's time to get your defense set up the right way. It is time to push away the nonsense and start scoring on OFFENSE. It's on offense when you move forward and down the field. My simple game plan for going on offense with your Identity comes down to one question, "DO YOU BELIEVE THERE IS A GOD?" I'm not asking for a deep theological discussion about what happened 4 billion years ago versus 4000 years ago; I'm asking whether you believe there is a God right now. I'm not asking to debate why there is free will and why God allows people to harm others in their free will. I'm asking, "DO YOU BELIEVE THERE IS A GOD?" If you believe, then you know that God is your Creator! Psalms 139 says, "you formed me in my mother's womb." You know that you are fearfully and wonderfully made. You know there's no need for pretense or to pretend, but know that you're already good enough, and if you believe there is a God, you also believe Ephesians 2:10, that "...we are God's handiwork." Yes, there are devils out there who come to steal, kill, and destroy. They came to steal what's precious to you. They came to kill your dreams. They tried to break and destroy who you know that you really are. But Christ told us in John 10:10 that when your Identity is in Him, you may have life and have it more abundantly. If you want your plans to match your eternal purpose, then the plan leads you to accept Christ. When you accept Him, He will never leave you nor forsake you if your Identity is in Him. He didn't come to condemn the world but to save YOU. He came to love YOU; He came so that YOUR eternal Identity can be with Him. What is your plan? Will you be a conqueror through Christ, or will you have the image of the world? Do not conform to the ways of this world but be transformed, AMEN!

### Practical Biblical Principles

WHOSOEVER, WHATSOEVER, NOT WHENSOEVER  
Read: John 5:1-15  
Jesus was on His way to a Jewish feast in Jerusalem, the city of worship where the great temple was, and where the Jews had their religious feasts and ceremonies. Not only did Jesus pass that way, thousands of Jews on their way to the temple traveled the same route Jesus traveled. Thousands of Jews witnessed Jesus when He came upon the poor man who was by himself and had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years lying near the edge of the pool. Just inside the sheep gate in the old city wall was a pool. This pool is named the pool of Bethesda. The empty remnants of this pool can still be seen today along with ancient parts of the porch mentioned in John 5:2. This pool was located just inside the sheep gate through which the lambs readied for temple sacrifice were brought. Jesus, the lamb of God to be offered for the sins of the world entered through this gate. Around the pool lay a great multitude of impotent folk, blind, halt, withered, waiting for the movement of the water. It was a traditional prevailing belief which went on for years that an Angel went down at a certain season into the pool and troubled the water. And Who-so-ever, was the first to step into the troubled water was made whole of Whatsoever disease he had. It should be noted that women were not a part of the sick multitude laying around the pool. This should raise questions as to the legitimacy of such a water-troubling belief. It was obvious Jesus gave no thought or interest to such a misleading belief when

He stopped momentarily and healed the crippled man and left the pool area enroute to the temple. Was there truly healing powers in the pool's water? If so, why was it that only one person could be healed each season, whenever that was? This is not like any of God's plans or promises. No water has healing power. Only God (Jesus) can heal. Jesus' love for us leads Him to heal "whosoever" without prejudice of whatsoever disease he or she may have. Whether it be male or female. "Whosoever call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Jesus wants us to have His leading and the living water (His word) on the inside of us. And when we witness to our friends, family and lost strangers, the living-water(word) will trouble the hearts and ears of those facing God's call upon their life. Jesus is not a respecter of persons. Whoso ever will let him or her come unto Him and be saved and not cast out. One thing is for sure, on that day the crowd was at the pool instead of the temple for worship. It was not the pool's water that were really troubled, it was the lack of hope and faith in the temple which obviously gave the people no hope of being healed by anybody. Everybody, it seems, was at the pool waiting for their healing. Even though they knew their chances of being healed was one out of hundreds who would be at the pool. Whoever was teaching at the temple was obviously not giving out spiritual food for healing and hope. It seems that the dear people who needed help from heaven would have been at the temple,

it was only a stone's throw away from the Pool of Bethesda. Why weren't the people at the temple? The temple with its dead ceremonies, and religious feasts could not help them. The Action was at the pool. Then people had gone to where they would have a hope for being healed, even though it would be one out of hundreds of chances. The "one chance" the temple worship didn't offer them. The multitude of needy people were there; the pool of water was there, but nothing happened until a visitor from heaven came. This visitor was the angel, but the Son of God, Himself. We must realize that nothing can happen in our services until we recognize that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of host." St. Paul tells us that God made the church like body parts all are needed to carry out God's ministry of worship and healing. The church is not designed for one person to bring salvation gifts into the service. The entire church must be on one accord, in unity and spiritually organized. The Holy Spirit will come when He comes. We cannot command our salvation gifts from God at any time. God has a season for His gifts to us according to His plans and not just according to our obedience toward Him. "I know what I have planned for you," says God. When it comes to God, it is not whensoever, but now is the time to let Jesus trouble your hearts. J. L. Caldwell, Pastor New Jerusalem Baptist Cathedral Durham, NC Website: www.mynjbc.org Email: njbc84@gmail.com





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# Editorials

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## The Village Idiot Is Not Always Wrong

I recently overheard two gentlemen in a verbal sparring match about the United States' involvement in the Ukraine situation with Russia. One gentleman, let's call him Bob, was complaining about the fact that his grocery bill was ridiculously high, but we somehow are able to send BILLIONS of dollars to a country that is not even a NATO ally.

The other gentleman, he will be called Wilson for arguments sake, was annoyed with large corporations pulling out of their climate promises, as if our gas and oil filled worlds have not been upended by the electric revolution being shoved down our throats.

In their banter I quickly discovered that Bob was the conspiracy theorist. It only took one statement to send my mind spinning. Bob said, "Wouldn't it be crazy if Putin and Zelenskyy were working together?"

What?!!!

This was a complete 'mind blown' moment for me. It was inconceivable up until that point. Honestly, there is no way that these two men could sacrifice some of their own countrymen just to acquire ALL of the western world's military technology. Because, it seems like everyone, except for China, has given Ukraine guns, tanks, fighter jets, bombs, military training, access to satellites and basically all of the cheat codes of warfare.

If this absolutely insane theory were to be reality, then the West would have given the USSR more than enough ammunition to regroup and reclaim its place on the pedestal. With its best friend China by its side, the new and improved USSR could dominate Europe while China locks down Asia.

Now, I will be the first to admit that I do not know all of the moves that our government is making, but this Ukraine thing made me want to jump straight into the government spending rabbit hole. Let me tell you, it's scary down there.

Random things our government spends our tax dollars on includes abortions for women in other countries. To bring this home, let's say you went to work this week and 1.5 of your 40 hours of pay went toward an elective procedure for someone in a foreign country. We can't afford medicine. Our infrastructure is crumbling. Our teachers are underpaid. Our economy is on the verge of a recession, but we can afford to pay for healthcare in other countries for other people?

And then there is the literal loop where in the government takes our tax dollars to spend on public housing, all while owning public housing. That may sound a bit confusing so let me clarify. You pay taxes. The government allots hundreds of millions of tax dollars for social services such as subsidized housing. HUD, a government department, owns subsidized housing developments.

Back to Bob and Wilson. As they were walking out of the door, Wilson dropped one last nugget. He reminded Bob that the biggest waste of money in our government is committees. If you ever bother to watch C-SPAN, you will notice that before anyone can get an answer to anything, there must be a committee to refer to the study by the panel of the referring committee for the subject at hand. And we wonder why nothing gets done in a timely fashion.

For some reason America has settled on having a two-party governing system. That in itself means that divisiveness is baked into our governance. The two parties will not work together and they will not allow any additional groups to join in. This seems like a way to intentionally not get anything done while looking busy.

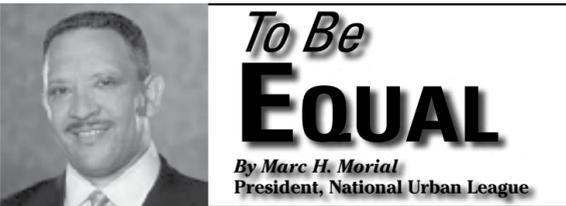
Congress passes laws and Acts by wheeling and dealing. They sneak self-interest items into mega-bills and only talk about the parts that are nice and pretty. They use mainstream media to distract the American people from when they are doing something they don't want you to know about, and they also use media to influence the public in a way similar to herding cattle. It's all getting to be a bit messy.

My grandmother used to tell me that a person that talks too much has something to hide. It is clear that some of the folks in Washington D. C. have an awful lot to hide. Sending communications around and around in circles, until it eventually dies, is a common practice. Introducing legislation that they know will never, ever get passed is merely a shiny rock that they are trying to pass off as gold. Then eventually the shine fades and we get to see it for what it really is. But by then it's too late. They have secured their retirement plan.

## Talk To Us

Stimulating a lively discussion of issues that concern the community is one of our main tasks at The Carolinian. We want to know what you think. This issue's topic:

How come, in 2023, local, state and federal governments have only one way to "improve" neighborhoods—To split Black communities down the middle with concrete and asphalt?



### PRESIDENT BIDEN RESPONDS TO NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE PRIORITIES IN STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

*"Imagine what it's like to lose a child at the hands of the law. Imagine having to worry whether your son or daughter will come home from walking down the street or playing in the park or just driving their car ... Imagine having to worry like that every day in America. Here's what Tyre's mom shared with me when I asked her how she finds the courage to carry on and speak out. With faith in God, she said her son 'was a beautiful soul and something good will come from this.' Imagine how much courage and character that takes. It's up to us. It's up to all of us."* -- President Joe Biden

Just before Tuesday's State of the Union address, my fellow civil rights leaders and I asked President Biden to use his platform to call for a robust and impactful federal response to the killing of Tyre Nichols and the continuing disproportionate police killings of Black and Brown people.

Tyre's parents, RowVaughn and Rodney Wells, were given a place of honor alongside the First Lady and Second Gentleman, so the nation could not look away from their grief.

Their presence, and the words of RowVaughn Wells as shared by President Biden, made a powerful case for transforming the relationship between police and the communities they serve, reminding the nation that their anguish of is an ever-present specter for Black families.

We asked the President to call on Congress to implement a transformative police accountability framework to address systemic police violence, whatever the legislative vehicle. As he noted in the address, we must "give law enforcement the training they need, hold them to higher standards, and help them succeed in keeping everyone safe ... And when police officers or departments violate the public's trust, we must hold them accountable."

The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act represents a vision of what President Biden called "the covenant we have with each other in America" and the National Urban League stands with him in demanding its passage into law.

While President Biden assailed the January 6 insurrection and the Big Lie that fueled its violence, his call to honor the results of our elections did not specifically call on Congress to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act or other comprehensive voting rights measures. The National Urban League remains committed to this legislation and will continue to advocate for its passage.

We were pleased to hear the President's praise of the Child Tax Credit, which has given "tens of millions of parents some breathing room and cut child poverty in half, to the lowest level in history." The National Urban League is a staunch advocate of expanding the CTC, which would reduce poverty among children of all racial and ethnic groups and specifically cut Black child poverty in half.

(See **TO BE EQUAL**, P. 11)



### "JOSEPHUS X BYE BYE NOT" BIDEN (MY NAME)

Amidst the naysayer fear about age .... President Joe Biden stepped to the podium and congratulated Kevin McCarthy, Hakeem Jeffries, lauded Nancy Pelosi and Mitch McConnell for their service and proceeded to blow the State of the Union out of the water and hit it out the ballpark. I wish they had a focus group of republicans and democrats watching as he spoke and just one self satisfied "me" sitting in the group with a look of "I told you so" on my face. Hoping I was sitting in a room of "If we are going to win again .... he can't run" democrats and "watch the old man mess up" republicans I wouldn't be "a bragging" that I knew but just grateful for all he said. He needed this shot of adrenaline that he gave us and the news reporters couldn't stop talking. Twas great for me.

Joe Biden, our president, has been on the scene for a long time. He's a rare politician. He has wisdom, vigor, and insight into what all Americans need and really want. When I ask, did we become afraid of our elders? When did we decide that age precludes wisdom? Haven't we watched his administration bring down the debt, increase healthcare, address social issues boldly?

He's gotten millions back to work and took the truth back as his weapon and confronted the lies and false premises of the right. He used their social issues against them by being clear on their intention to rip social nets from the things that truly have made America great and able to move forward in the midst of a so-called "looming recession" and a pandemic.

He snatched back the talks about socialism and revealed that they are codewords for getting rid of social security, medicare and medicaid.

The "maga" people booed and their queen cupped her hand around her mouth and yelled "you lie" (some say there were obscenities spoken). Then he challenged their booing by saying "go to my website for more information" and "maybe I'm wrong since they are protesting" ... maybe they don't intend what they've been saying. It was as brilliant a speech as Muhammad Ali's "rope a dope" and it all came from an 80 year old president who some had forgotten how he came through

(See **A DIFFERENT VOICE**, P. 11)



### SCHOOL BULLYING MUST STOP, EVERYONE MUST WORK TOGETHER

Four New Jersey teenagers have been charged in connection with the attack of a 14-year-old girl who later took her own life after video of the incident was posted on social media.

One juvenile is charged with aggravated assault, two juveniles are charged with conspiracy to commit aggravated assault and one juvenile is charged with harassment, Ocean County prosecutor Bradley D. Billhimer told CBS News in an email. (cbsnews.com)

Adriana Kuch, 14, was found dead in her Bayville home on February 3, two days after the disturbing video of the attack at Central Regional High School was posted online. The video showed girls throwing a drink at the teen, then kicking and dragging her down school hallways. They pushed Adriana into red lockers lining the school hallways and one of the girls in a pink shirt punched Kuch repeatedly. (Source CBSNews.com)

When I was an elementary child riding the school bus, we had a few fights on the bus. One young man who didn't live that far from me was constantly getting into fights on the school bus. One day he had a kid down repeatedly punching him in the face. The bus driver stopped the bus and escorted both boys off the bus while still a couple of miles from their homes. We then drove off and left them on the road. I don't recall seeing the fight continue as they now had to walk or hitchhike a ride to get home. Since the one boy was being beaten so bad, I don't think the driver made the best decision since the other kid could have finished him off on the rural road we were traveling. However, it did appear the fight had stopped as we drove off. Most likely not having a bus audience, bleeding and having to walk home changed the scenario.

(See **GLEN MOLLETTE SPEAKS**, P. 11)



### NEW DANGEROUS ASSAULTS ON TEACHING THE TRUTH

When Florida governor Ron DeSantis and Florida's Department of Education make headlines for banning the new Advanced Placement African American Studies course from being taught in the state's schools, saying the class "significantly lacks educational value," we need to pay very close attention. Florida's move is the latest front in an ongoing war against teaching children the truth about our shared history. When Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the son of former slaves, a pioneering Harvard-trained historian, and the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, created the precursor to Black History Month in 1926 he did so because he was alarmed how few people, white or Black, knew anything at all about Black people's achievements. Dr. Woodson believed it was critical to claim our rightful place in the history books and teach future generations about the great thinkers and role models who came before us. As he said, "Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history."

But Dr. Woodson also understood that this was much more than just an academic discussion. He saw the connection between erasing Black history and assaulting Black bodies, and said the crusade to teach the truth about Black history was even "much more important than the anti-lynching movement, because there would be no lynching if it did not start in the schoolroom. Why not exploit, enslave, or exterminate a class that everybody is taught to regard as inferior?"

In his seminal book *The Mis-Education of the Negro*, Dr. Woodson also explained that providing a standard "mis-education" to young Black children in the school system—"the thought of the inferiority of the Negro is drilled into him in almost every class he enters and in almost every book he studies" was a calculated and insidious attack: "When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. You do not have to tell him not to stand here or go yonder.

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# Other Viewpoints

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Martin County celebrated its annual Jubilee Day on Saturday December 31, 2022. The host church was Back Swamp Church of Christ in Williamston. The pastor Elder Derrick Wilkins inquired about the annual event during one of the church meetings and word was presented to the branch president. Yours truly started and chaired the event after attending the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People national convention in Boston, Massachusetts where Dr Benjamin Hooks mentioned that we ought to observe Jubilee Day.

Dr Hook, the CEO of the NAACP was so loved by so many of the members so when he spoke, he got one's attendance (attention?) completely. So, for years we moved from church to church and we gave a meal consisting of the type of food slaves had to live off.

This year on short notice representative Garland E Pierce, H.D. 48 (Hoke and Scotland counties) was called to speak. Re. Pierce is the pastor of Bright Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Laurinburg North Carolina and has served there for 45 years. He came and Martin County fell in love with the man. My telephone rang so many times [people]asking for permission to use the restroom... where did I meet him, how long did I know him, etc?

He mentioned during his speech that this person was selling candy bars at many of the meetings for the Martin County NAACP youth council letting those who didn't know Joyce Gray that she was a worker. During the installation of the new branch officer, the incoming president Mrs P. Michelle Northern is a former youth council member. Her parents were thanked for entrusting their children in my care. I'm a proud advisor.

Some have asked about the future of Jubilee Day and I stated "the chair serves at the pleasure of the president and I had not been asked to date". After fifth (50 years) "as of 1-17-2023", I am ready to say I think I've done my share of volunteer service in Martin County and was elected to service as "executive board member at Hope" for 2023 2024.

These days I am saying thank you God. I can't thank you enough for the goodness I'm getting. Special folks such as Rep. Garland Pierce and others across the United States have truly been a blessing in my life.

Submitted by Joyce Gray.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I remeber January 28, 2023. It was just a couple of weeks ago I went to the second floor of the North Carolina History Museum. The first place we stopped by was a table where a nice lady named Ms. Willa was set up. She had cards that had Black, artistic looking women. She said that she used thread, wallpaper adn a sweing machine to make different frames and backgrounds. Teh cards were really pretty.

She sang a song that I don't remember the words to, but it was my 'ally'. I'm really into poetry and rhyming. She said that my brother and I could put our creativity on a website or an app. I don't remember, but I really liked her.

We saw a few other pretty cool things, like a puppet controlling puppets and the Wright Brothers big artificial plane. WE learned facts like how some slaves on ships either were set free or became pirates.

Eitherway, I enjoyed my time, and here's some advice to help you think twice:

A mind without knowledge is just wack  
When there's a test, intelligence you lack  
But if you practice you'll be far ahead  
In your sleep you'll make your bed  
It has been said that with great power comes a responsibility  
When you're smart your ideas are art and a trinity  
So don't be lazy, don't be as sour as a lime  
With intelligence, you'll make next era's time

Submitted by Juliana R. age 9



### OVER TWO-DOZEN MISGUIDED LAWMAKERS COULD UNDERMINE AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

By Brian O'Shaughnessy

RealClearEducation

American universities have long attracted the best and brightest from around the world. They come for the sophisticated research opportunities that prevail in academic labs -- funded, in part, by American taxpayer dollars.

But with taxpayer dollars comes political scrutiny. More than two-dozen members of Congress just proposed a reinterpretation of the law that fuels this world-class R&D engine. And their short-term political ploy, if adopted, would undermine U.S. leadership in higher education.

Back in the 1970s, leaders in Congress realized that America's research apparatus was not achieving all that it could. While federal funds supported groundbreaking research in academic labs across the nation, those funds came with strings attached. Namely, the government retained title to patents if they arose from research funded in any part by taxpayer dollars.

And the government did a poor job of finding companies willing to invest in turning that patented basic research into actual, useful products. The feds licensed fewer than 5% of those patents to the private sector.

University and small business leaders proposed a solution to this waste: decentralization. Rather than Washington bureaucrats licensing federally funded inventions, universities and small companies themselves could license patents they developed with government support.

Formalized in a bipartisan 1980 law colloquially known as the Bayh-Dole Act, this arrangement unleashed a frenzy of university research and successful commercialization.

Thanks to the current congressional proposal, however, Bayh-Dole and sponsored research at America's universities could soon be eviscerated.

Hoping to find a silver bullet to cut drug prices, lawmakers zeroed in on an obscure provision of the Bayh-Dole Act. It allows the government to "march in" and relicense patents derived from federally funded research in a few rare circumstances.

These lawmakers, however, want to twist the original intent of this provision in hopes of marching in on innovative products that, thanks to Bayh-Dole, are already on the market. Essentially, they're proposing to use march-in rights as de facto price controls.

The authors of the 1980 law definitively stated that Congress never intended to grant such authority to the federal government.

And for good reason. If the private sector believed that the government could rip up carefully negotiated license agreements on a whim, firms would not license university research, nor would they pour hundreds of millions, or even billions, of dollars into sponsoring academic research and then developing that research into useful commercial

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                | 43 TV spots                 | 17 Preambles                |
| 1 Sailing vessel             | 44 Foolproof                | 19 Spack portray-er         |
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| 9 Kitten's cry               | 47 Florida city             | 22 Leb. neighbor            |
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| 14 'Xanadu' band             | 53 Humbug!                  | 28 Carter of 'Wonder Woman' |
| 15 Baby hooter               | 54 Keaton of Annie Hall'    | 30 Overly                   |
| 16 Florida city              | 55 Lair                     | 32 Florida city             |
| 18 Handsome guy              | 56 Bikini top               | 33 Vintage                  |
| 20 Convent dwell-ers         | 57 Old anesthetic           | 34 Approves                 |
| 21 Brooch                    | <b>DOWN</b>                 | 36 Sultry singer Kitt       |
| 23 Tool set                  | 1 HBO competi-tor           | 38 Queried                  |
| 24 March honor-ee, for short | 2 Attorney's field          | 39 Soft leather             |
| 25 Fed. food inspector       | 3 Florida city              | 40 Check the fit of         |
| 27 Grinding tooth            | 4 Pundit's piece            | 42 Dodge                    |
| 29 'At once!'                | 5 The Chosen' author Chaim  | 45 Russian ruler            |
| 31 Attention getting call    | 6 Cuban rum cocktail        | 46 Send forth               |
| 35 Senior mem-ber            | 7 Burden                    | 48 Flow out                 |
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products.

We've already run this experiment. In 1989, the federal government began inserting a "reasonable pricing clause" into patent licenses and cooperative research and development agreements (CRADAs) between federally funded academic institutions and the private sector.

Instead of lowering drug prices, however, this policy repelled private industry from collaborating with academia.

Resurrecting these failed policies would once again deal a blow to America's research universities. The opportunity to perform research, and collaborate with industry, attracts thousands of bright foreign students to the United States every year. By and large, these students stay in the country and help America maintain a net positive trade imbalance in "intellectual capital."

Gutting American academic research means that more of those students will take their talent and their tuition dollars to competing markets. That'd be a tragic outcome.

Destroying Bayh-Dole's virtuous research and development cycle could upend American higher education. That's an unfathomably high price to pay. Let's not do it.

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### BUY OUR BOOTSTRAPS

By Joel Schlosberg

William Lloyd Garrison Center

It's always nice when a comrade remembers you on your birthday.

To be sure, when the socialists at Jacobin magazine published Akl Vicks on "the hardened individualism of Ayn Rand" the day the author of Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal would have turned 118 ("There's No Such Thing as a 'Self-Made Man,'" February 2), they probably didn't have in mind NYU Marxist professor Bertell Ollman's description of Rand as "a comrade of Marx, methodologically speaking."

Despite the obvious differences between Karl Marx's The Communist Manifesto and Rand's capitalist manifestos, Ollman highlights the common attention to social context. The writer Vicks sees as epitomizing "isolating notions of individual 'grit'" was not, as Vicks implies, unaware of the notion of "finding intellectual and emotional fulfillment as part of a community."

Although the community of Galt's Gulch in Atlas Shrugged would not appeal to many socialists, Rand's The Fountainhead was among the inspirations for socialist psychologist Abraham Maslow. He cited that novel as a source for the insight that "the most stable and therefore most healthy self-esteem is based on deserved respect from others rather than on external fame or celebrity and unwarranted adulation." The "self-actualization" atop Maslow's pyramid of needs was not self-isolation.

Vicks doesn't directly mention Rand's fiction as examples of "bootstrap narratives." (A term also presumably not a nod to Robert Heinlein's "By His Bootstraps," whose protagonist is indeed a "self-made man" via encounters with his own time-traveling future self.) Instead, it refers to supposed Rand influences like what fellow Jacobin contributor David Sirota calls the "tale of [Michael] Jordan as Rand's Atlas, who easily lifts the weight of the entire sport of basketball on his shoulders"—and that anyone sufficiently determined could step into Jordan's Air Jordans. (Other Jacobin contributors have pointed out that millionaire athletes are paid a minuscule fraction of the billions their skills generate—much of which further enriches billion-aires.)

Yet Rand's nonfiction showed a clear understanding that real individuals weren't omnipotent. In the 1972 essay "What Can One Do?," Rand observed that it was just as much "an impossible goal" to "perform instantaneous miracles" in "the realm of ideas" as "to stop an epidemic overnight, or to build a skyscraper single-handed." Even the most talented physician could only "treat as many people" as possible, and might do so in "an organized medical campaign."

Emma Goldman, currently juxtaposed with the denunciation of Rand through the banner ads on Jacobin's website, found "the greatest social possibilities" in forerunners of Rand's individualist philosophy like Friedrich Nietzsche and Max Stirner, concluding that "only when the [individual] becomes free to choose... associates for a common purpose, can we hope for order and harmony out of this world of chaos and inequality."

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With regard to consumer data privacy, the President endorsed "stricter limits on the personal data these companies collect on all of us." The National Urban League continues to prioritize the need for comprehensive federal privacy legislation with strong civil rights protections to protect our communities online.

The National Urban League appreciates our collaborative relationship with the Biden-Harris Administration and looks forward to advancing our priorities of racial justice and economic opportunity in the months ahead.

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previous challenges in his life... still standing and smiling. I've said it before and I'll say it again, this guy is good and he should run again. Don't tell me these are just words. He has had provable actions behind his words.

I was pleased to see the parents of Tyre Nichols present at the State of the Union though more than saddened to realize why they were there. Some presidents would have struggled to talk about this case or used it as an opportunity to talk about black on black crime. Joe Biden didn't do that, he went straight to the heart of the matter, saying that no parent in America should have to give their children "the talk" and describe the unnatural things they must do when stopped by police. He admitted that he had never had to give his children the "talk" indicating unequal treatment by some police officers who treat drivers differently by the color of their skin.

Then Sarah Huckabee, the newly elected governor of Arkansas who was chosen by the party to give the rebuttal to the State of the Union address. Not so good Sarah, of course how did you know that Biden would be so eloquently descriptive of his plans for our country. You didn't, so you just brought forth the rhetoric that perhaps got you elected in Arkansas. Didn't work for me ... so much so that I fell asleep on your speech.... sorry.

We are at a put up or shut up branch in the road of governmental politics. For me the fear mongering is not going to work. I want specific plans that make life livable for me and the generations that follow. I'm voting for ideas not fear. I'm trusting God to be faithful and I want humans to be honest.

I'm ready to be my own polygrapher and my energy is fired up and ready to go.

## GLEN MOLLETTE SPEAKS

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In the sixties and seventies there were bad things that happened in schools that often got swept under the rug. With no social media kids usually ended up working it out or staying away from people we didn't like. Often many of us never took our school problems home because our parents had enough problems without having to worry about our school fusses. Or, we were afraid we might get in trouble at home.

School children face challenges. There are ongoing pressures from bullies who must be corralled and disciplined, dismissed from school or in some cases put in a place where they can get rehabilitation and help for their psychotic issues. Locking a 14-year-old up in jail for years solves nothing. However, kids that bring about injury or death to another student need mental help and rehabilitation before being freed to invoke pain on someone again. Most likely if your family has lost a family member to a bully you want the offender locked up for life.

Even though my school era was not a perfect world School-teachers and principals had authority to paddle our butts. They had authority to discipline us, suspend us from school and could put bite with their bark. We knew the teachers ruled and we respected them. I can remember see paddling's that I never wanted to get and received a couple myself.

No school has the ability to patrol every corner of a school facility. Bullying, fights and bad things typically occur in unsupervised spaces. Schools can't hire enough security guards or have enough monitors to patrol ever corner.

Every day in every state in America a private school is starting or the ground work is being formulated.

Ten years from now almost every city and even small community in America will have a private or faith-based school. Some of these will only be elementary schools but many have or will develop junior and senior highs. Such schools are not free of their own issues but parents across America are desperate for safe places for their kids. Parents want a place where there is zero tolerance of bullies and an administration who means business about protecting the children. They want an environment where their children can be mentored, taught and prepared better for life, college or to move into adult jobs.

Parents don't want a school who they feel is working against them or hiding things from them.

Life is like this. The world is like a jungle most days. There are bullies in the workplaces, neighborhoods and mean people can be found all over. This is why we have the right to call 911. We can file charges against people with the police. We should have the right to carry a firearm and defend ourselves. We have to work to help each other and protect each other.

Teachers, administrators, parents and students must work together for safety and security. Children and teachers must feel safe with an environment free from bullying, hazing or intimidation. Kids should not have to wake up every day fearful of going to school. Neither should the school staff and parents.

The issue of bullying and school safety requires school boards, all staff, parents and students to work together. It's not a task for a few to accomplish but a job for us all.

## CHILD WATCH

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He will find his 'proper place' and will stay in it. You do not need to send him to the back door. He will go without being told. In fact, if there is no back door, he will cut one for his special benefit. His education makes it necessary." Decades later, James Baldwin put a similar insight in sharp words that resonate right now: "It's not the world that was my oppressor, because what the world does to you, if the world does it to you long enough and effectively enough, you begin to do to yourself. You become a collaborator, an accomplice of your own murderers, because you believe the same things they do."

Today, just as Dr. Woodson believed would happen, knowing our history makes it easier to spot moves like Florida's hostile ban of A.P. African American Studies and immediately see them for exactly what they are and where they fit in in the long, long history of deliberate attempts to hide the truth and miseducate children. The adults desperate to control children's thinking today will have to work overtime as they try to block every new avenue for young people to access and discern the truth for themselves. For example, the Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) is responding to book bans and purges in other libraries and schools by making its "National Teen BPL eCard" available for a limited time to young people ages 13-21 across the country, giving them free access to BPL's full eBook collection and learning databases. BPL was inspired in part by the American Library Association's and Association of American Publishers' "Freedom to Read" Statement, originally drafted 70 years ago, which begins: "The freedom to read is essential to our democracy. It is continuously under attack. Private groups and public authorities in various parts of the country are working to remove or limit access to reading materials, to censor content in schools, to label 'controversial' views, to distribute lists of 'objectionable' books or authors, and to purge libraries . . . We, as individuals devoted to reading and as librarians and publishers responsible for disseminating ideas, wish to assert the public interest in the preservation of the freedom to read."

And as Dr. Woodson also taught us, the preservation of the freedom to read and the freedom to learn our nation's true and full history is not just an academic discussion today either. Every attempt to limit teaching the truth about Black history—or about Asian American, Native American, Latino, LGBTQ, or women's history—has a very dangerous subtext. This is a book we've read before. We must all stay vigilant against every new effort to miseducate our children and our communities.

# Classifieds

## DURHAM COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against Sarah Huin Lamar, deceased, of Durham County, NC, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before April 28, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 26th day of January, 2023.

Alexandre Huin  
Administrator  
c/o Bagwell Holt Smith P.A.  
111 Cloister Court  
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Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 22 E 1206

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Tabatha Renee Harris Deshazo, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 27th day of April 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 26th day of January, 2022.

Deborah H. Walker  
Administratrix  
357 Barrett Street  
Danville, VA 24541

1/26,2/2,2/9 and 2/16/2023

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified before the Clerk of Superior Court of Durham County as Public Administrator of the Estate of Emily Taylor Cogwell, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate to send them, duly itemized and verified, to P.O. Box 51429, Durham, NC 27717, on or before the 26th day of April, 2023 (90 days after the date of this Notice) or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the Estate are requested to make prompt settlement with the undersigned.

This the 26th day of January, 2023.

Robert E. Levin  
Public Administrator of the Estate of Emily Taylor Cogwell Deceased  
P.O. Box 51429

Durham, NC 27717

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P.O. Box 51429

Durham, NC 27717

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2023.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 78

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Mary Williams McCoy, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 27th day of April 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 26th day of January, 2022.

Tonya Williams  
Executor  
2705 Talbot Court W  
Raleigh, NC 27610  
1/26,2/2,2/9 and 2/16/2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 81

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Mary Anne Weaver, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of

said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 27th day of April 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 26th day of January, 2022.

Mary Caroline Weaver  
Executor  
2222 West Club Blvd  
Durham, NC 27705

1/26,2/2,2/9 and 2/16/2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 22 E 1350

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Gloria Ann McAllister, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 27th day of April 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 26th day of January, 2022.

Sherri Morrison  
Administratrix  
2290 Merck Drive  
Unit 203  
Winston Salem, NC 27106

1/26,2/2,2/9 and 2/16/2023

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY

In The General Court Of Justice  
Superior Court Division  
FILE NO.: 22 CVD 4037

TALISA PIERCE,  
PLAINTIFF

VS.

ALICE G. ONSERIO, SACORY A. ATWATER and DAQUAN L. GATTIS, DEFENDANTS

TO: SACORY A. ATWATER

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief sought is as follows:

Complaint for Personal Injuries as a result of a Motor Vehicle Accident on June 10, 2021 on Fayetteville Road at Crooked Creek Parkway, Durham, NC.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than March 7, 2023 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 26th day of January, 2023.

Robert T. Perry  
N.C. State Bar #11051  
PERRY, PERRY & PERRY, P.A.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

601 Fayetteville Street, Suite 300  
Post Office Drawer 2051  
Durham, North Carolina 27702  
Telephone: (919) 683-8685

1/26,2/2,2/9 and 2/16/2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 79

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Floyd Edwin Carden a/k/a Eddie Carden, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 27th day of April 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 26th day of January, 2023.

Alton T. Copley  
Executrix  
733 Quiet Woods Pl  
Durham, NC 27712

1/26, 2/2, 2/9 and 2/16/2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 41

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Russell Alan Holcomb, late of Durham County, North Carolina,

hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 4th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 2nd day of February, 2023.

Pamela Ryan  
Executor

12419 Rustic View Court  
Tampa, FL 33635

2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of Amy K. Martin, deceased, of 6818 Iron Gate Drive, Bahama, Durham County, North Carolina 27503, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of the attorney for the estate on or before May 4, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of February, 2023

Jo-Ann Wagner  
Personal Representative  
c/o Jeffrey L. Austin,  
Attorney for the Estate  
Law Office of Jeffrey L. Austin  
PLLC

411 W. Chapel Hill Street  
Suite C-2  
Durham, NC 27701

2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 22 E 1580

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Larry Lee McCorkle, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 4th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 2nd day of February, 2023.

Tracey Harris  
Administratrix  
209 Esteban Court  
Mebane, NC 27302

2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 22 E 1579

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Goldie M. McCorkle a/k/a Goldie Marie McCorkle, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 4th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 2nd day of February, 2023.

Tracey Harris  
Co-Executor  
209 Esteban Court  
Mebane, NC 27302

Robyn D. McCorkle  
Co-Executor

235 Debra Drive  
Durham, NC 27704

2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 115

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Francisco M. Nieves a/k/a Francisco Michael Nieves, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 4th day

of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 2nd day of February, 2023.

Ronald A. Sisco, Sr.  
Executor  
3003 Tolson Dr.  
Durham, NC 27703

2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 54

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Eleanette Maccene Brown-Lyerly a/k/a Eleanette Maccene Brown a/k/a Eleanette Maccene Lyerly, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 4th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 2nd day of February, 2023.

Ronald A. Sisco, Sr.  
Administrator  
3315 Fayetteville Street  
Durham, NC 27707

2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 59

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Anita Hines, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 4th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 2nd day of February, 2023.

Keni Church-Hines  
Administrator  
4801 Swann's Mill Dr  
Durham, NC 27703

2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS 23 E 129

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Kenneth Harrison Dudley a/k/a Kenneth H. Dudley a/k/a Kenneth Dudley, late of Durham County, North Carolina, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Angela Dudley Jenkins, Executor of the decedent's estate on or before May 15, 2023, c/o Thomas J. Neagle, Attorney at Law, 605 W. Main Street, Suite 104, Carrboro, North Carolina 27510, or this notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor.

This, the 9th day of February, 2023.

Angela Dudley Jenkins, Executor  
c/o Thomas J. Neagle, Attorney  
605 W. Main Street, Suite 104  
Carrboro, North Carolina 27510

2/9/2023, 2/16/2023, 2/23/2023, 3/2/2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 103

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Barbara A. Ethridge, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 11th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 9th day of February, 2023.

Christy L. Howard, Jennifer H. Leonce, Microf, and Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, Respondents.

To: Christy L. Howard and Jennifer H. Leonce, Respondents

Take notice that a Petition for Release of Surplus Funds has been filed in the above action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Petitioners are seeking release of surplus funds resulting from foreclosure of that certain property known as 916 Danbury Dr. Durham, NC 27703, Durham

payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 9th day of February, 2023.

Susan Sattazahn  
Executor

10 Yorkwood Dr  
Brick, NJ 08723

2/9, 2/16, 2/23 and 3/2/2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 75

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Esther Joyce Newhook, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 11th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 9th day of February, 2023.

Richard John Newhook  
Executor

1220 Chronicle Drive  
Durham, NC 27703

2/9, 2/16, 2/23 and 3/2/2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

File Number 23 E 159

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Gary Merrill Cross, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 11th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 9th day of February, 2023.

Walter John Cross III  
Administrator  
c/o Ann Marie Vosburg  
Law Offices of Ann Marie Vosburg

307 Meadowlands Dr  
Suite 102

Hillsborough, NC 27278  
919-644-1300

2/9, 2/16, 2/23 and 3/2/2023

NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

File No. 2022 E 1476

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of STANLEY K. ROSENBERG AKA STANLEY KALMAN ROSENBERG, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before MAY 12, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of February, 2023.

Lisa P. Beuerle aka Lisa P. Rosenberg  
Executor of the Estate of Stanley K. Rosenberg aka Stanley Kalman Rosenberg

6094 Royster Road  
Greensboro, NC 27455

N. BLANE STANALAND

Teague Rotenstreich Stanaland Fox & Holt, P.L.L.C.

101 South Elm Street, Suite 350  
Greensboro, NC 27401

Telephone: (336) 272-4810

Fax: (336) 272-2448

2/9/2023, 2/16/2023, 2/23/2023, 3/2/2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 103

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Barbara A. Ethridge, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 11th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 9th day of February, 2023.

Billie Jo Mabry aka Billie Mabry Wilson

Executrix  
2714 Sparger Road  
Durham, NC 2770501641

2/9, 2/16, 2/23 and 3/2/2023

qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Gary Merrill Cross, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 11th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 9th day of February, 2023.

Walter John Cross III  
Administrator

c/o Ann Marie Vosburg  
Law Offices of Ann Marie Vosburg

307 Meadowlands Dr  
Suite 102

Hillsborough, NC 27278  
919-644-1300

2/9, 2/16, 2/23 and 3/2/2023

NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

File No. 2022 E 1476

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of STANLEY K. ROSENBERG AKA STANLEY KALMAN ROSENBERG, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before MAY 12,

# Classifieds

## DURHAM COUNTY

County, North Carolina.  
 You are required to make response to such pleading no later than the 23rd day of March, 2023, which is 40 days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to file a pleading by the above date, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 9th day of February, 2023.  
 Ruth M. Allen  
 The Walls Law Group  
 5511 Capital Center Drive, Suite 180  
 Raleigh NC 27606  
 Phone: 919.647.9599  
 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 DURHAM COUNTY  
**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 22 E 1577**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Johnathan Brian Horton, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 11th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.  
 This the 9th day of February, 2023.

Gwen Manley Ghent  
 Administratrix  
 c/o Kangur & Porter, LLP  
 2150 Country Club Road  
 Suite 160  
 Winston Salem, NC 27104  
 2/9, 2/16, 2/23 and 3/2/2023

**Notice to Creditors**  
 Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Eugene Richardson, late of 405 E. Pilot St., Apt. E3, Durham, Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at Law Office of Ken Hirsh, 1821 Hillandale RD, STE 1B-344, Durham, North Carolina 27705, on or before the 19th day of May, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 16th day of February, 2023.  
 /s/ Ewanda L. Richardson  
 Administrator of the Estate of Eugene Richardson  
 Kenneth J. Hirsh  
 Law Office of Ken Hirsh  
 1821 Hillandale RD STE 1B-344  
 Durham, NC 27705  
 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9/2023  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 164**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Shela Ann Hill, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 18th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.  
 This the 16th day of February, 2023.

Quintelia H. Mitchell  
 Administrator  
 1413 Ridgeway Avenue  
 Durham, NC 27701  
 2/16, 2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/2023  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 163**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Vyrtee B. Hight, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 18th day of May 2023, or this notice will be

pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 16th day of February, 2023.  
 Robert E. Hight  
 Executor  
 c/o Marion Law Office, PLLC  
 2741 University Drive  
 Durham, NC 27707  
 2/16, 2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/2023  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 134**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Carol S. Scott a/k/a Carolyn Ada Scott, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 18th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.  
 This the 16th day of February, 2023.

Michael Harley Scott  
 Executor  
 250 Wind Shadow Court  
 Roswell, GA 30075-2830  
 2/16, 2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/2023  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 178**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Virgie Garrett Bassinov, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 18th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.  
 This the 16th day of February, 2023.

Harvey Garrett  
 Administrator CTA  
 1238 Surl Mr. Tirzah Road  
 Timberlake, NC 27583  
 2/16, 2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/2023

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The undersigned, Norma L. Daye, having duly qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Charles Edward Daye, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to present them to the undersigned in care of Ronald G. Coulter, Attorney for the Estate, 3400 Croasdaile Drive, Suite 205, Durham, North Carolina 27705, on or before May 19, 2023 or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 16th day of February, 2023.

Norma L. Daye  
 Executrix  
 C/O Ronald G. Coulter  
 Attorney at Law  
 3400 Croasdaile Drive  
 Suite 205  
 Durham, NC 27705  
 1-919-246-5775  
 2/16, 2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/2023  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 154**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Frances Duke Riley, a/k/a Frances Riley, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 18th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.  
 This the 16th day of February, 2023.

Sandra Cole

Executor  
 25 Walkabout Way  
 Chapel Hill, 27516  
 2/16, 2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/2023

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF TARA THOMPSON a/k/a TARA ELIZABETH THOMPSON**

All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against Tara Thompson a/k/a Tara Elizabeth Thompson, now deceased, are notified to exhibit them to Richard Lewis Thompson, Executor of the decedent's estate, on or before the 16th day of May, 2023, at Post Office Box 2290, Burlington, North Carolina 27216, or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor.

Richard Lewis Thompson  
 Executor of the Estate of Tara Thompson  
 a/k/a Tara Elizabeth Thompson  
 (23 E 65)

C. Thomas Steele, Jr.  
 Pittman & Steele, PLLC  
 Post Office Box 2290  
 Burlington, NC 27216  
 336-270-4440  
 February 16 and 23 and March 2 and 9, 2023

## WAKE COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 WAKE COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 2022 E 0042898**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Willie Ruth Fuller a/k/a W Ruth Fuller, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 27th day of April 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 26th day of January, 2023.

Alice Ruth Fuller  
 Executor  
 555 East Martin St  
 Raleigh, NC 27601  
 1/26, 2/2, 2/9 and 2/16/2023  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 WAKE COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 2022 E 004326**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of William Kent Whitlow, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 4th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 2nd day of February, 2023.

Susan Beth Whitlow  
 Co-Administrator  
 9008 Stockfield Lane  
 Zebulon, NC 27597  
 Richard Kenneth Witlow  
 Co-Administrator  
 9008 Stockfield Lane  
 Zebulon, NC 27597  
 2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 WAKE COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 2023 E 000155**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Catherine Graves Phillips, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 4th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.  
 This the 2nd day of February, 2023.

Barbara Moring Graves  
 Administrator

1908 Southgate Dr  
 Raleigh, NC 27610  
 2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 WAKE COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 154**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Raymond Graves, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 4th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 2nd day of February, 2023.

Barbara Moring Graves  
 Administrator  
 1908 Southgate Dr  
 Raleigh, NC 27610  
 2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE**

In the General Court of Justice  
 District Court Division  
 File No: 21 CVD 4476

**CONTINUANCE OF TEMPORARY HEARING ON CUSTODY**

SHEDIAH PALMER, Plaintiff

v. JERMAINE PALMER, Defendant

The action before the court is continued. The new trial will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 9 a.m. in Courtroom 2B of the Wake County Courthouse, 316 Fayetteville Street Mall, Raleigh, NC 27601.

The reason for the continuation: "Not Heard on 1/4/23."  
 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023  
 NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

**In the General Court of Justice District Court Division File No. 22- CVD -13243**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
 To: NICOLAS SARABIA BERI-STAIN, Defendant.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for child custody. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than March 23, 2023, said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, MARIA DEL CARMEN PEREZ VARO, will apply to the Wake County courthouse located at 316 Fayetteville St, Raleigh, NC 27601 for the relief sought on April 11, 2023 at 9:00am in courtroom 4D.

This, the 9th day of February.  
 Aneta Paval, Esq.  
 Paval Law Offices, PLLC  
 7404 Chapel Hill Rd  
 Suite M  
 Raleigh NC 27607  
 Telephone: (919) 410-6690  
 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/23  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 WAKE COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 2023E000331**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Betty H. Zimmerman, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 16th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.  
 This the 16th day of February, 2023

Carol Bunch  
 Administrator  
 3316 Neptune Drive  
 Raleigh, NC 27604  
 2/16, 2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/23

## HARNETT COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA  
 HARNETT COUNTY  
 In the General Court of Justice  
 District Court Division

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
 File Number: 23 CVD 152

Tanya Iveth Leiva Flores, Plaintiff

Vs. Luis Hilario Martinez Herrera, Defendant

**TO: LUIS HILARIO MARTINEZ HERRERA**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Judgment for Absolute Divorce. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days from the first date of the publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 9th day of February 2023.

Tanya Iveth Leiva Flores  
 Plaintiff  
 402 S. 14th St  
 Erwin, NC 28339  
 T: 616-500-0296  
 February 09, 2023, February 15, 2023, and February 23, 2023.

## JOHNSTON COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 JOHNSTON COUNTY

In The General Court Of Justice  
 District Court Division  
 File Number 22CVD2317

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

To: HILARIO BENITEZ MEDRANO Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for absolute divorce. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than March 7, 2023 said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, MARIA SERRANO ARENAS, will apply to the court for the relief sought  
 This, the 26th day of January, 2023.

Yvonne Armendariz, Esq.  
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 6110 Lake Wheeler Road  
 Raleigh, NC 27603  
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 Yvonne@armendarizlaw.com  
 1/26, 2/2 and 2/9/2023

### D/M/WBE SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T. A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the Water and Sewer Force Mains Relocation for Bridges No. 91 and No. 92 in Craven County project for NCDOT which bids February 22, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 \* NCDOT Letting website.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, clearing and grubbing, hauling, traffic control, erosion control, seeding, linework, directional drilling, bypass pumping, and flatwork. Please contact Jeff Price (jprice@taloving.com) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time of the bid date. TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Please advise if assistance is needed with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or insurance/bonding to satisfy the work requirements. We are willing to accept quotations for all or partial quantities and items of work. We can offer 2-party check payments and quick payment agreements, but the agreements need to be negotiated prior to the bid date.

### D/M/WBE SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

Pipeline Utilities, Inc. (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the Hoover Road Transmission Line Replacement project for the City of Durham which bids March 9, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: Pipeline Utilities, Inc.; 2204-F Associate Drive; Raleigh, NC 27603 \* City of Durham, Department of Water Management; 1600 Mist Lake Drive; Durham, NC 27704 \* Dodge Data and Analytics website \* ConstructConnect website \* Hispanic Contractors Association of the Carolinas website \* NC Institute of Minority Economic Development (NCIMED) website.

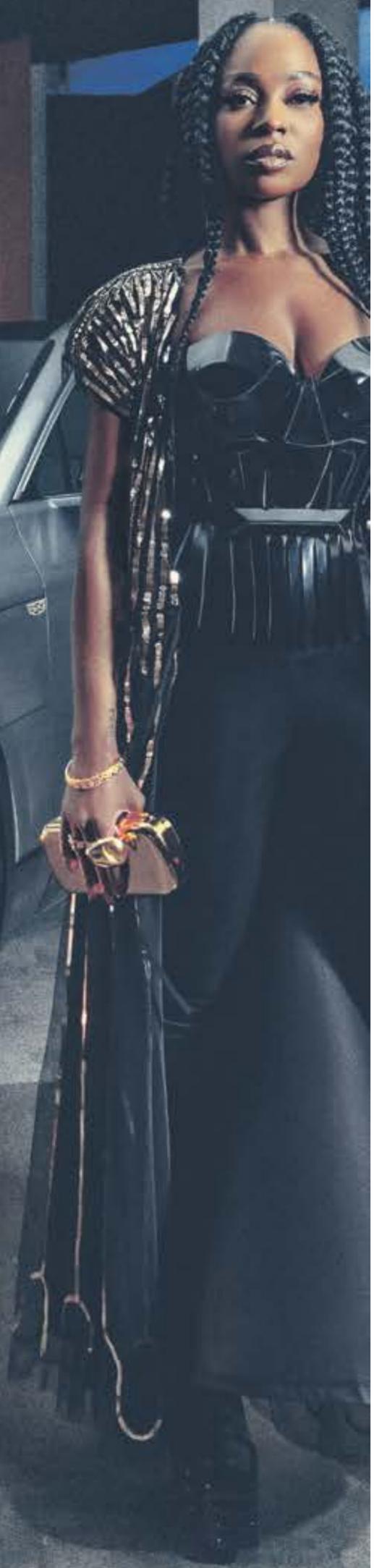
Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, hauling, asphalt paving, striping, traffic control, erosion control, and flatwork. Please contact David Murchison (dmurchison@pui-nc.com) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-772-4310, ext.: 117; fax: 919-772-3261; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time of the bid date. Pipeline Utilities, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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